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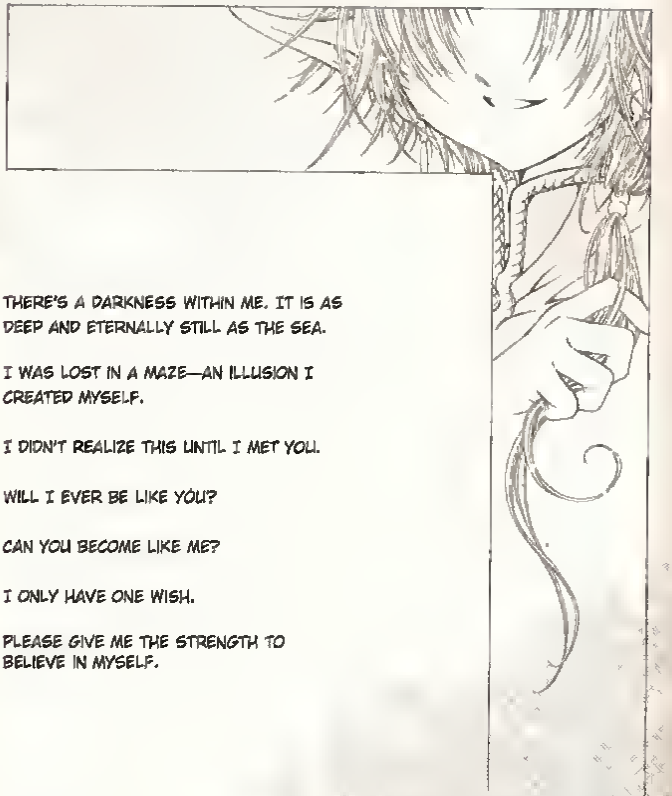


THERE'S A DARKNESS WITHIN ME. IT IS AS DEEP AND ETERNALLY STILL AS THE SEA.

I WAS LOST IN A MAZE—AN ILLUSION I CREATED MYSELF.

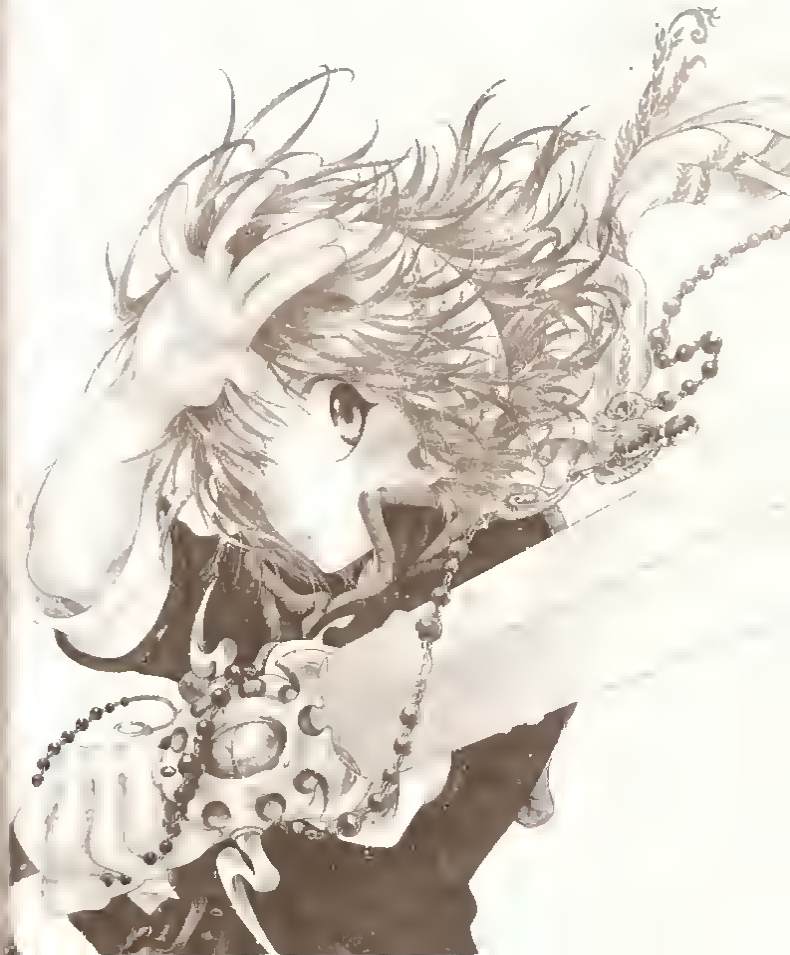
I DIDN'T REALIZE THIS UNTIL I MET YOU.

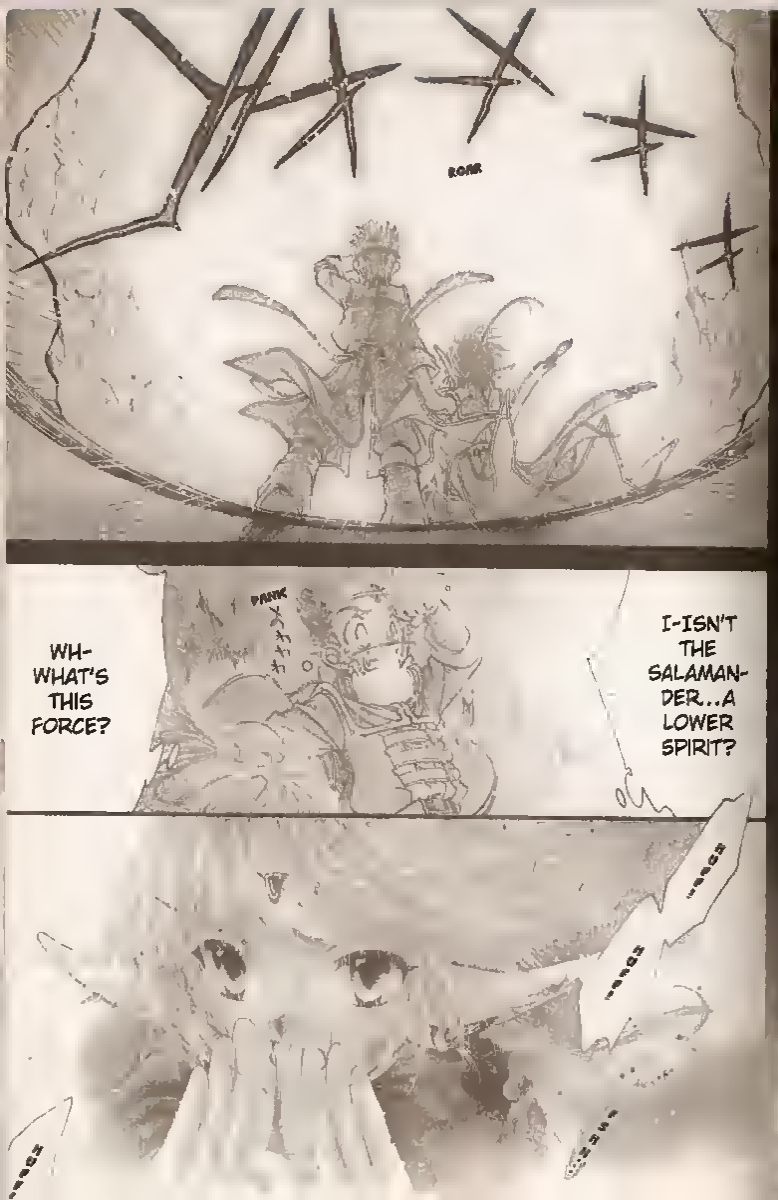
WILL I EVER BE LIKE YOU?

CAN YOU BECOME LIKE ME?

I ONLY HAVE ONE WISH.

PLEASE GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO BELIEVE IN MYSELF.





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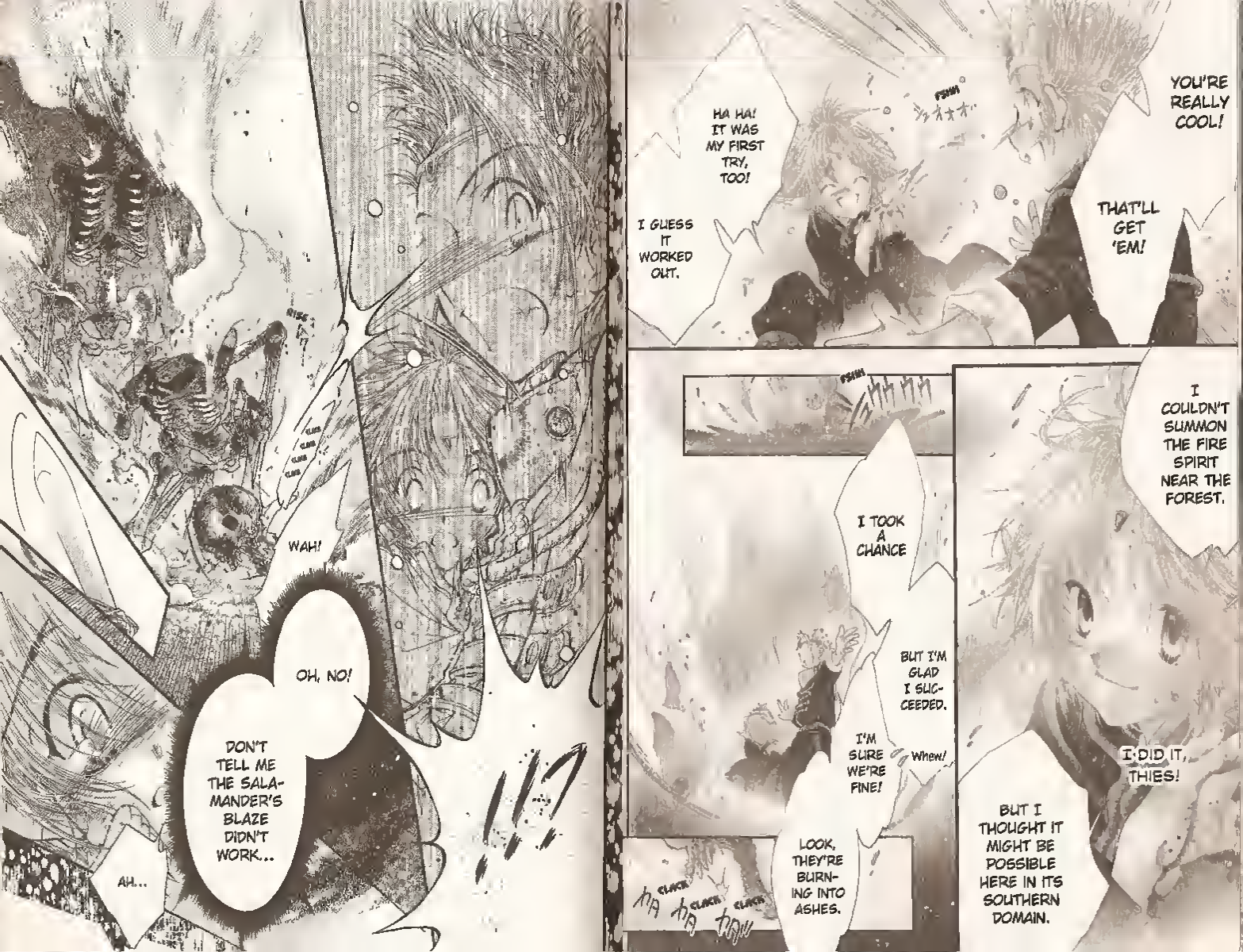

I COULDN'T SUMMON THE FIRE SPIRIT NEAR THE FOREST.
I DID IT, THIES!
BUT I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE HERE IN ITS SOUTHERN DOMAIN.
FSHH
I TOOK A CHANCE
BUT I'M GLAD I SUC-CEEDED.
I'M SURE WE'RE FINE!
Whew!
LOOK, THEY'RE BURN-ING INTO ASHES.
CLACK CLACK CLACK
YOU'RE REALLY COOL!
FSHH
HA HA! IT WAS MY FIRST TRY, TOO!
I GUESS IT WORKED OUT.
THAT'LL GET 'EM!
RISE
CLACK CLACK CLACK CLACK
WAH!
OH, NO!
DON'T TELL ME THE SALA-MANDER'S BLAZE DIDN'T WORK..
AH...

LEWIN!
HEY.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
SORRY! I'm late!
GAH!
DIE!
LEAVE...
WHOOSH
SLASH
THEM ALONE!
THUMP
EH? HEY!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
DIZZY
YEAH, I AM— HUH?
OH, NO. I LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD. I FEEL WEAK
OMF
THUD
THAT WAS FREAKY. I SAW A SUDDEN BURST OF FLAME—
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SHUT UP! I'M NOT HERE BECAUSE I WANT...
WHOOSH

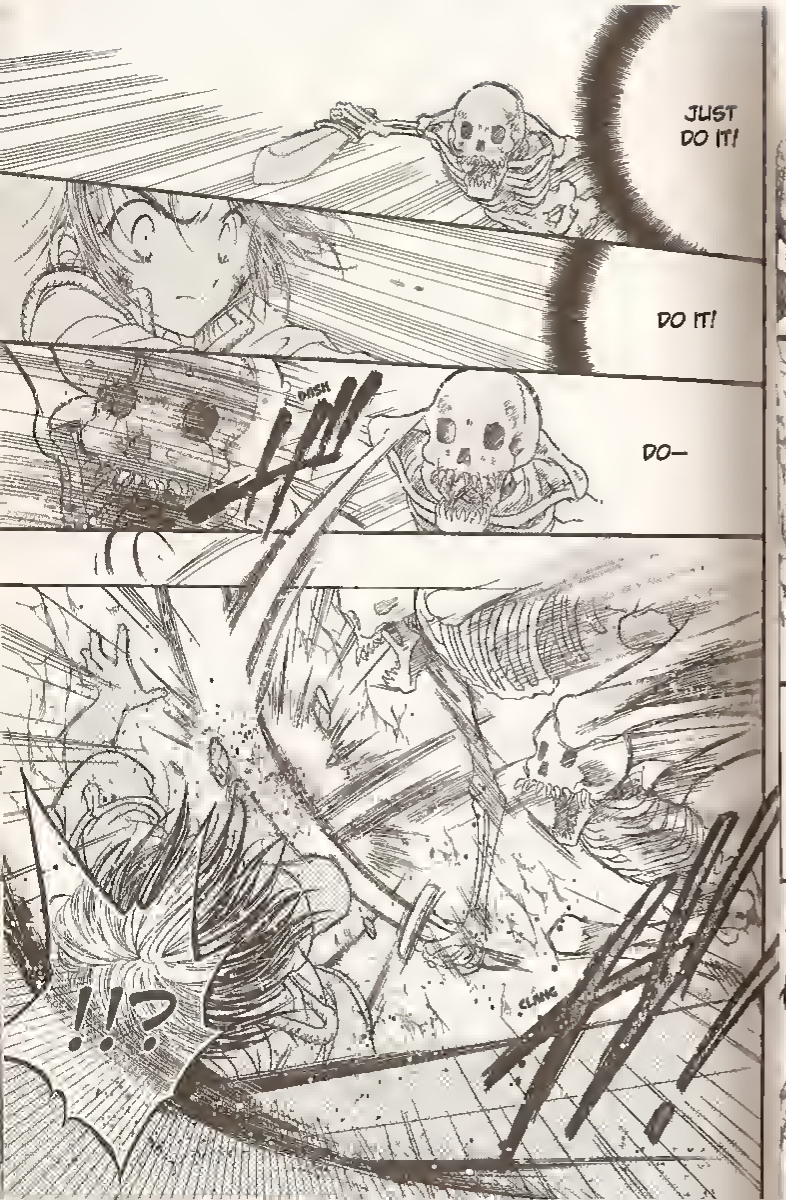
...UGH...
CRUMBLE
THU-D
COUGH
—WIN! LOOK OUT...
LOOK OUT!!
THU-D
CLANG
!!?
...TO...
GO-HM
GO-HM

ARE YOU NUTS?!
B-B-BE-SIDES...
I SPRAINED MY ANKLE
WHAT IF WE RUN INTO OTHER MONSTERS UP THERE?!
PLEASE!
I'M BEGGING YOU!!
BA-M
BA-M

OH, NO!
I'M IN DEEP TROUBLE!
SCRATCH SCRATCH
SHAKE
IT'S REGENERATING ITS ARM?!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE TREMBLE
STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THESE MONSTERS!
W-WE DON'T
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE.
LEWIN!!
HURRY!!
THEN GET SOMEONE! GET A PROFESSOR!
DARWELL!
WE'RE GONNA
HUH?!
TAKE HIM AND GET AWAY FROM HERE!
D-
WHAT?!

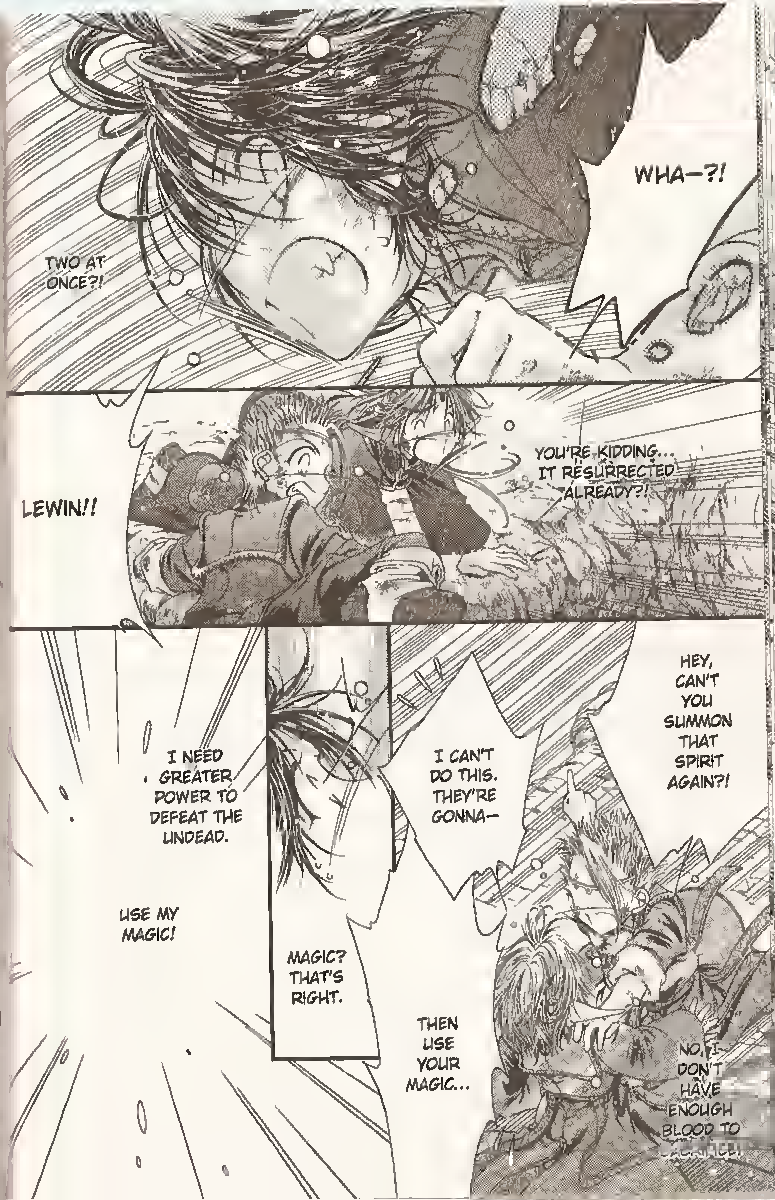
...TH-THAT WAS CL—
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
—AT ARE YOU DOING?! GET ON YOUR FEET!
GET UP AND RAISE YOUR SWORD!!
I-IF YOU DIE
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
H—
HOW DARE YOU ORDER ME AROUND, LOSER?!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
YAH!!
BUZZ
SWOOSH
SWOOSH
SWOOSH
SWOOSH
SWOOSH
!
HE INCREASED ITS DESTRUCTIVE POWER WITH MAGIC?
!

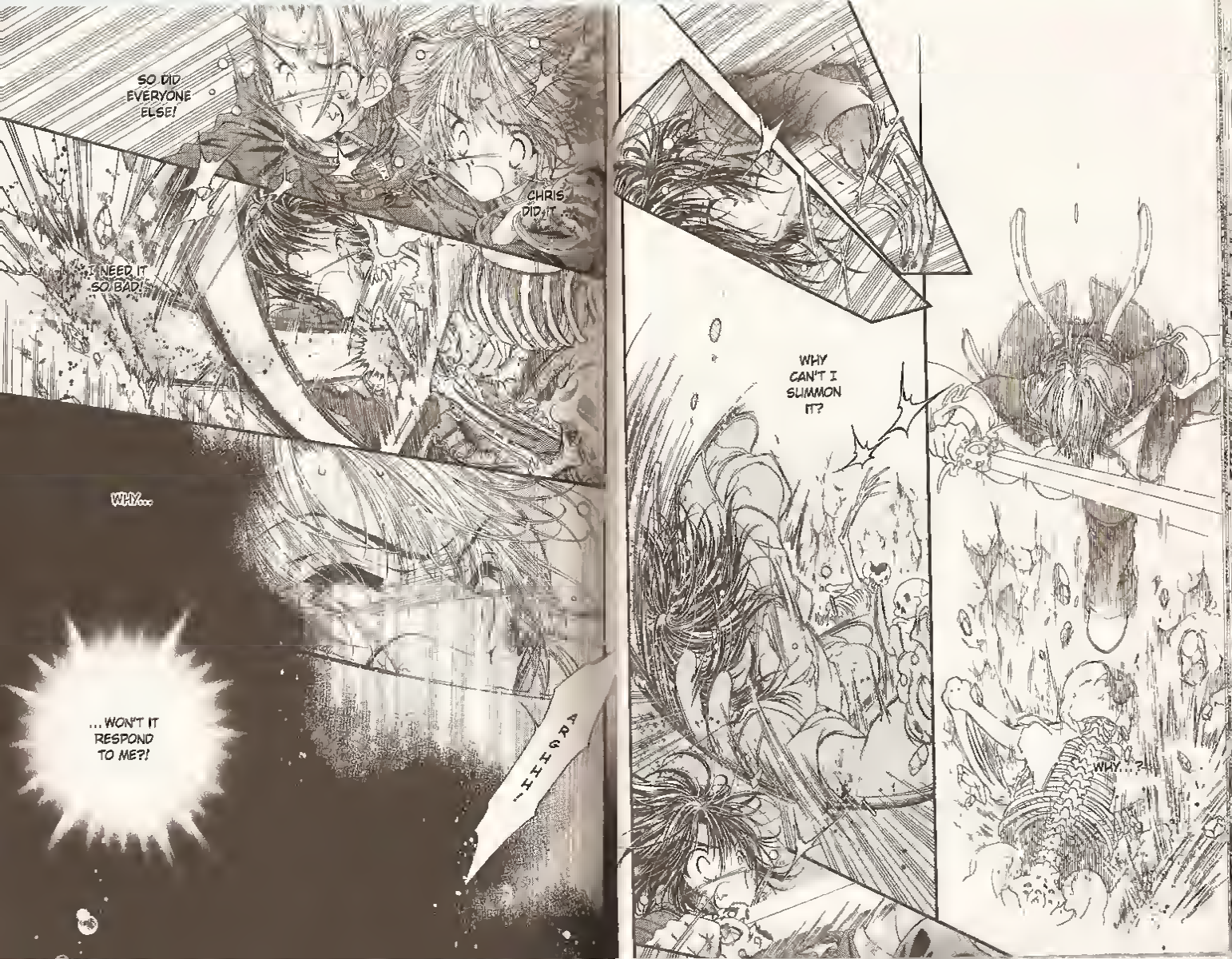
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK
...THAT LEWIN CAN?!
WE'RE USELESS IN OUR CONDITION.
I'VE DECIDED...
CRUMBLE
THAT I'LL NEVER RUN AWAY AGAIN...
HUFF
HUFF!
SO...
WE SHOULD DO WHAT'S BEST FOR HIM NOW.
...WHICH IS TO GET A PROFESSOR.
I...
WH-WHAT?!
WHOOSH!
LET'S GO!
LEWIN!
THOSE MONSTERS SURVIVED THAT SALAMANDER'S BLAZE!
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT THEM!
WHAT...
NO, LET GO OF ME!
LEWIN! LEWIN!
Hey!
GRASP
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! YOU CAN'T EVEN WALK!

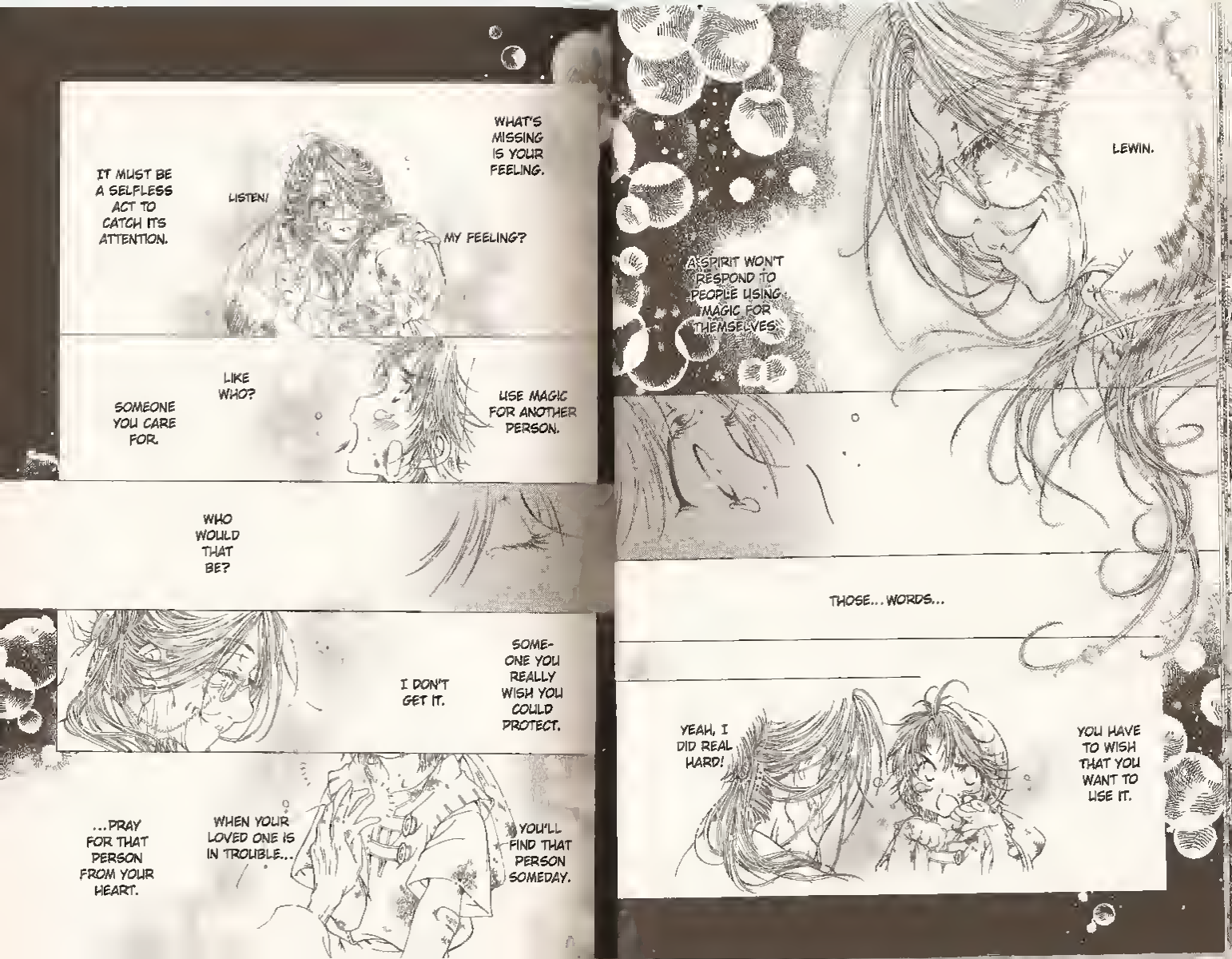

JUST DO IT!
DO IT!
DO—
DASH
!!?
CLANG

"YOU CAN'T HELP HIM."
I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT WHAT THE PROFESSOR SAID.
CRUD
IT'S SO EMBARRASSING THAT I GOT BEATEN UP INSTEAD!
BUT I SHOULD BUY THEM TIME TO ESCAPE.
RUSTLE
CLUTCH
DON'T BE AFRAID!
HANG TOUGH!
I JUST HAVE TO HANG IN THERE UNTIL DARWELL GETS HELP.
BRACE
I CAN FIGHT...
...ONE MONSTER AT A TIME.
CRUD
DASH
!

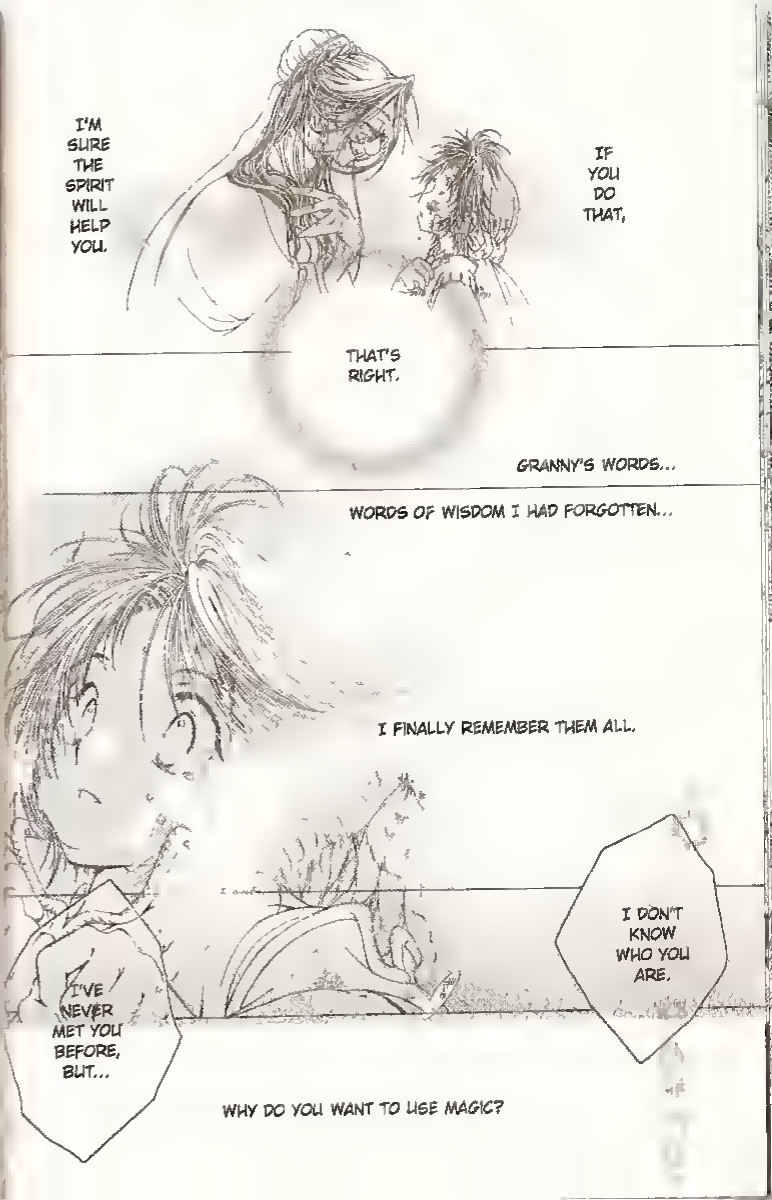
I SHOULD SUMMON A POWERFUL FIRE SPIRIT!
I CAN DO IT HERE.
CHRIS WAS ABLE TO START A FIRE.
COME ON! SHOW YOURSELF!!
SHOW YOUR-SELF, FIRE SPIRIT!
ANY-THING!
STANCE
STANCE
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU CAN'T USE MAGIC, SO HOW CAN YOU SUMMON IT?!


WHA—?!
TWO AT ONCE?!
LEWIN!!
YOU'RE KIDDING... IT RESURRECTED ALREADY?!
I NEED GREATER POWER TO DEFEAT THE UNDEAD.
I CAN'T DO THIS. THEY'RE GONNA—
HEY, CAN'T YOU SUMMON THAT SPIRIT AGAIN?!
USE MY MAGIC!
MAGIC? THAT'S RIGHT.
THEN USE YOUR MAGIC...
NO, I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH BLOOD TO SACRIFICE!


SO DID EVERYONE ELSE!
CHRIS DID IT...
I NEED IT SO BAD!
WHY...
...WON'T IT RESPOND TO ME?!
-HHGRA
WHY CAN'T I SUMMON IT?
WHY...?


LEWIN.
A SPIRIT WON'T RESPOND TO PEOPLE USING MAGIC FOR THEMSELVES.
THOSE... WORDS...
YEAH, I DID REAL HARD!
YOU HAVE TO WISH THAT YOU WANT TO USE IT.
LISTEN!
IT MUST BE A SELFLESS ACT TO CATCH ITS ATTENTION.
WHAT'S MISSING IS YOUR FEELING.
MY FEELING?
LIKE WHO?
SOMEONE YOU CARE FOR.
USE MAGIC FOR ANOTHER PERSON.
WHO WOULD THAT BE?
I DON'T GET IT.
SOME-ONE YOU REALLY WISH YOU COULD PROTECT.
...PRAY FOR THAT PERSON FROM YOUR HEART.
WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS IN TROUBLE...
YOU'LL FIND THAT PERSON SOMEDAY.

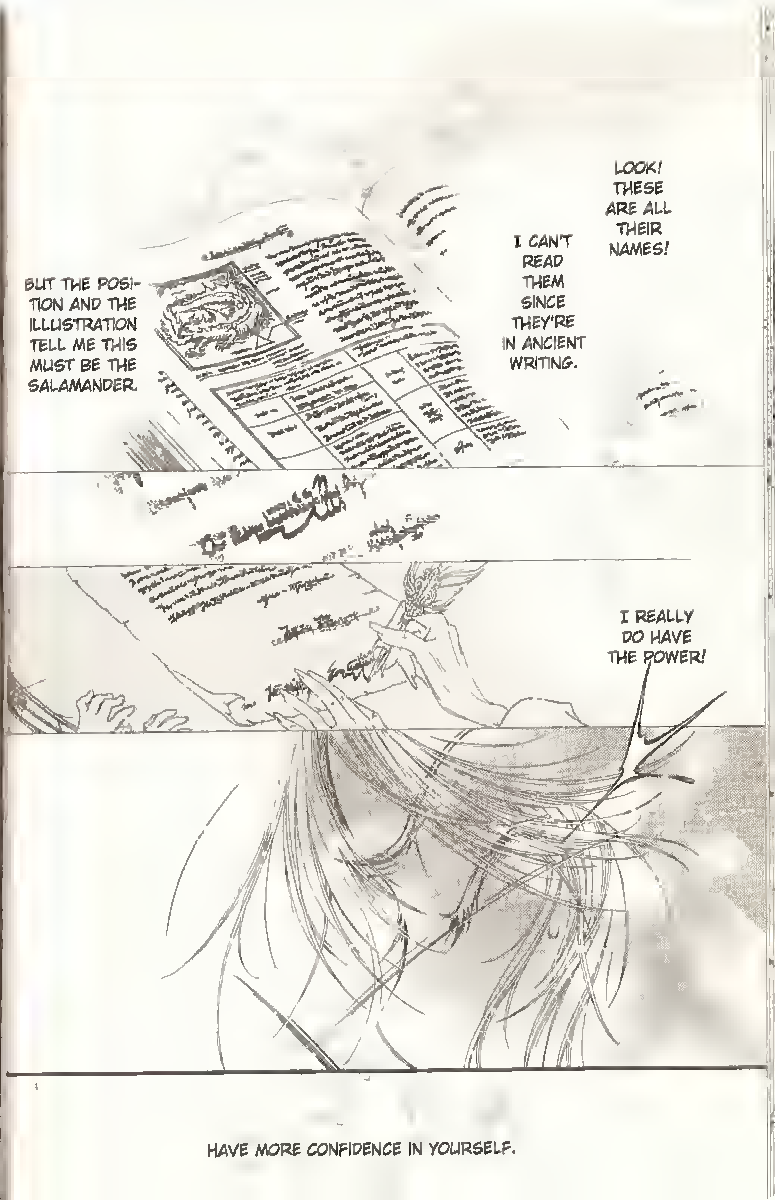
PLEASE JUST HEAR ME OUT!
ANSWER ME!
I WANT TO HELP THESE GUYS!
GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO SAVE THEM!
PLEASE!
!!
SHOVE
I CAN'T HOLD ON ANY LONGER!
LEWIN!!
POW


I'M SURE THE SPIRIT WILL HELP YOU.
IF YOU DO THAT,
THAT'S RIGHT.
GRANNY'S WORDS...
WORDS OF WISDOM I HAD FORGOTTEN...
I FINALLY REMEMBER THEM ALL.
I'VE NEVER MET YOU BEFORE, BUT...
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE.
WHY DO YOU WANT TO USE MAGIC?

SMASH
SMASH
WHOOSH
FSHH
FSHH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
FSH
EH...?
ZZZZ
TH-THE SWORD IS...
BUT, WHY...?
TH-THE UNDEAD...
THEY'RE DISINTE-GRATING UPON CONTACT WITH THE SWORD...
OH, WOW...

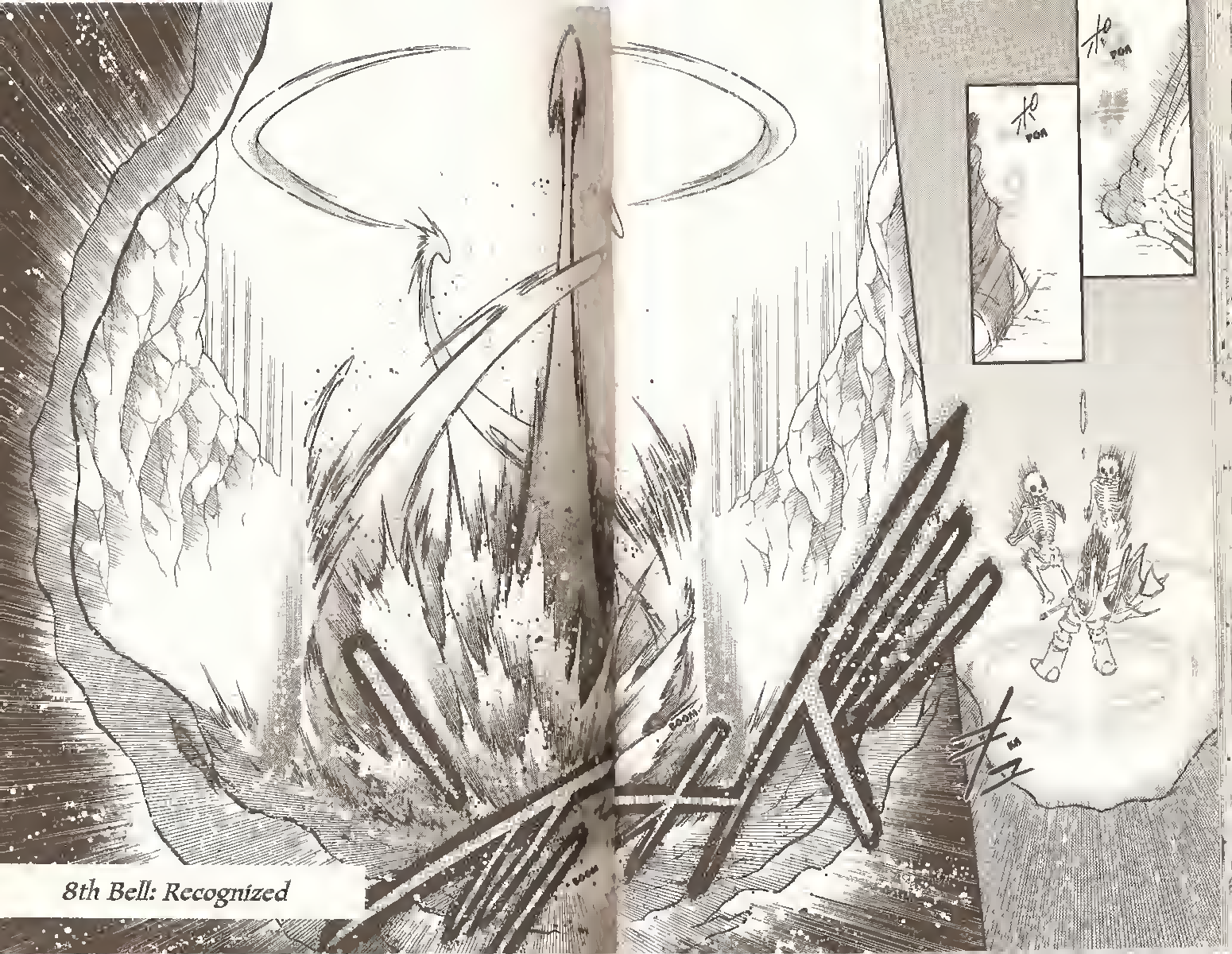
THIS SPELLING...
HISS
IT CAN'T BE ANY MAGIC. I THINK YOU NEED TO SUMMON THE SPIRIT IN THE SWORD.
SPEAK THY NAME.
HERE'S A LIST OF FIRE SPIRITS. DO YOU WANT TO SEE IT?
AH... O-OKAY!
IS THAT TRUE...?
MAYBE YOU HAVE EXTRAORDINARY POWERS!
PSHH
POOM
HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF.
YOU WERE ABLE TO ENROLL IN THIS SCHOOL. YOU MUST HAVE TALENT.

COME ON!
PLEASE!
I ONLY KNOW YOUR NAME!!
GRAAR
GRAAR
GRAAR
GRAAR
GRAAR
GRAAR
GRIP
LEWIN?!
ARISE!


LOOK! THESE ARE ALL THEIR NAMES!
I CAN'T READ THEM SINCE THEY'RE IN ANCIENT WRITING.
BUT THE POSITION AND THE ILLUSTRATION TELL ME THIS MUST BE THE SALAMANDER.
I REALLY DO HAVE THE POWER!
HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF.

SHOW YOURSELF, FLARE!!
GLIMMER
GLIMMER
BOOM
BOOM

YES, GOOD MORNING.
I'M FEELING BETTER TODAY.
IS IT OKAY THAT YOU'RE NOT IN BED?
OH, DEAR!
HOW CAN THE VIOLET EMPEROR SAY THAT?!
PULL
WELL, MY WORK ISN'T GOING TO MAGICALLY DISAPPEAR. I'VE BEEN WORKING SINCE THIS MORNING
YOU PROBABLY THINK A GEEZER LIKE ME SHOULD RETIRE SOON.
WHOOPS!
YOU'RE THE MOST POWERFUL WIZARD IN THIS SCHOOL.
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
A LIGHT...?
WHAT IS HAPPENING...?
SWOOSH
YOUR ROBE WILL BE OUT HERE FOR THE FOUR O'CLOCK ASSEMBLY
!?
GLIMMER
GLIMMER
GLIMMER
GLIMMER
GLIMMER



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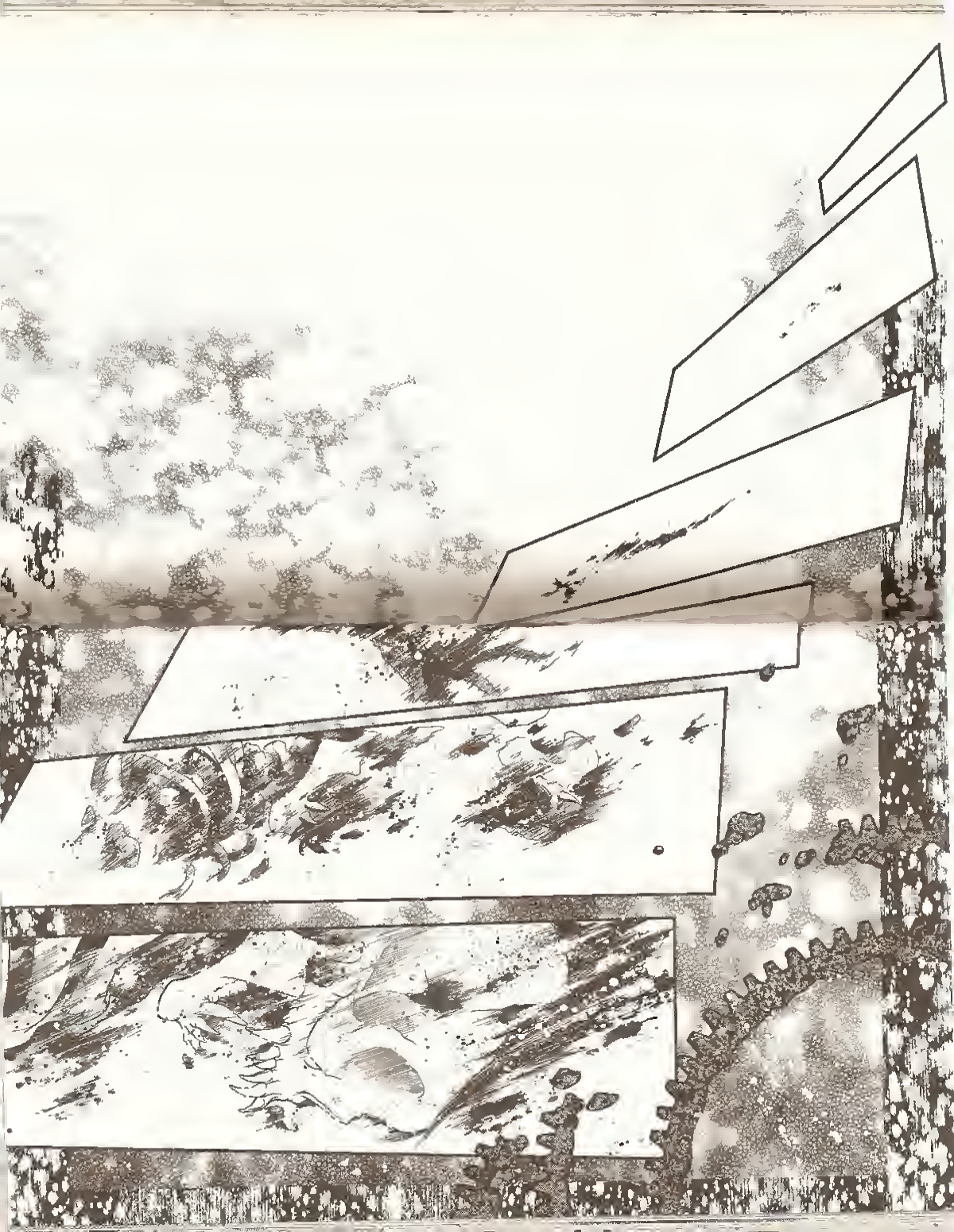
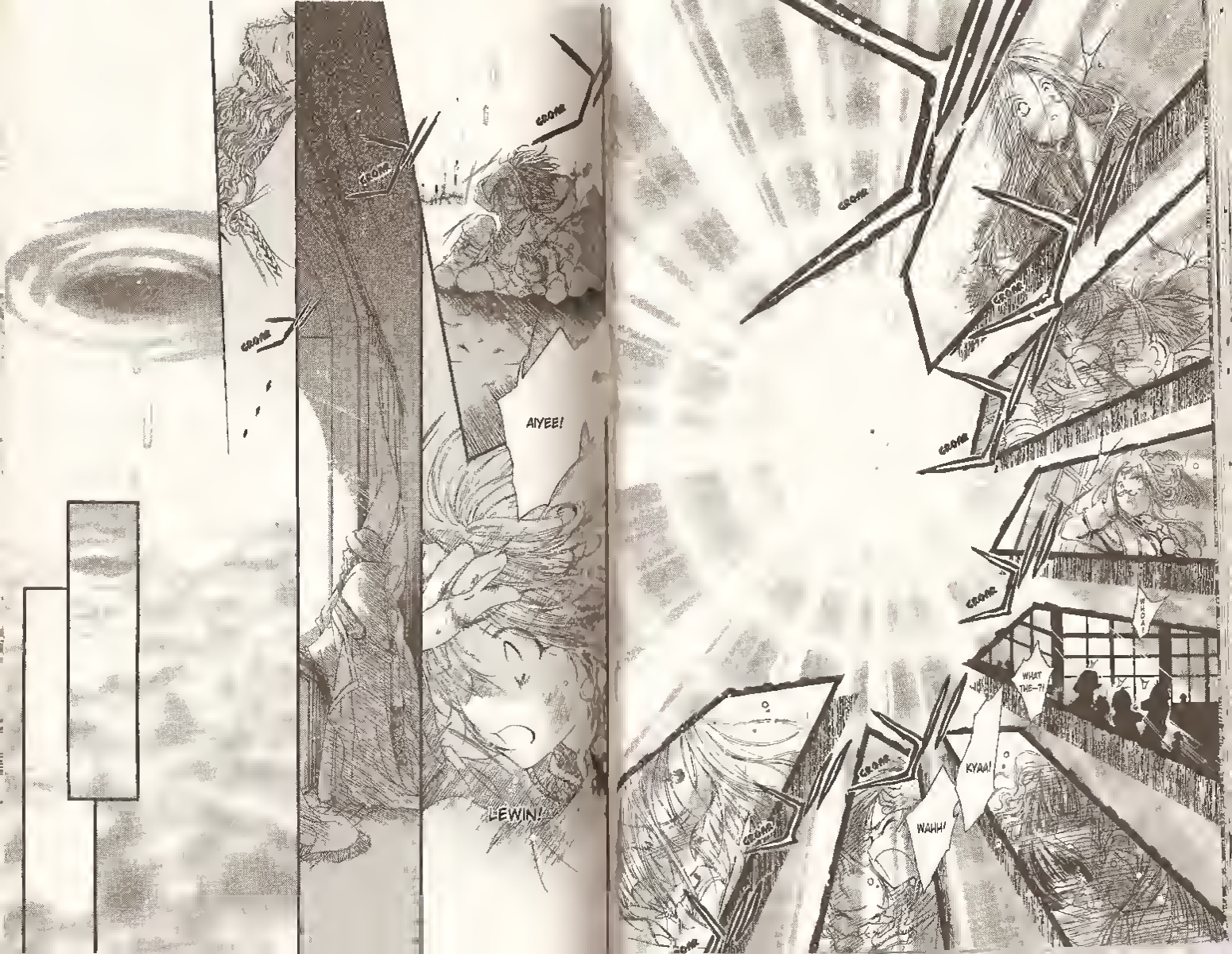
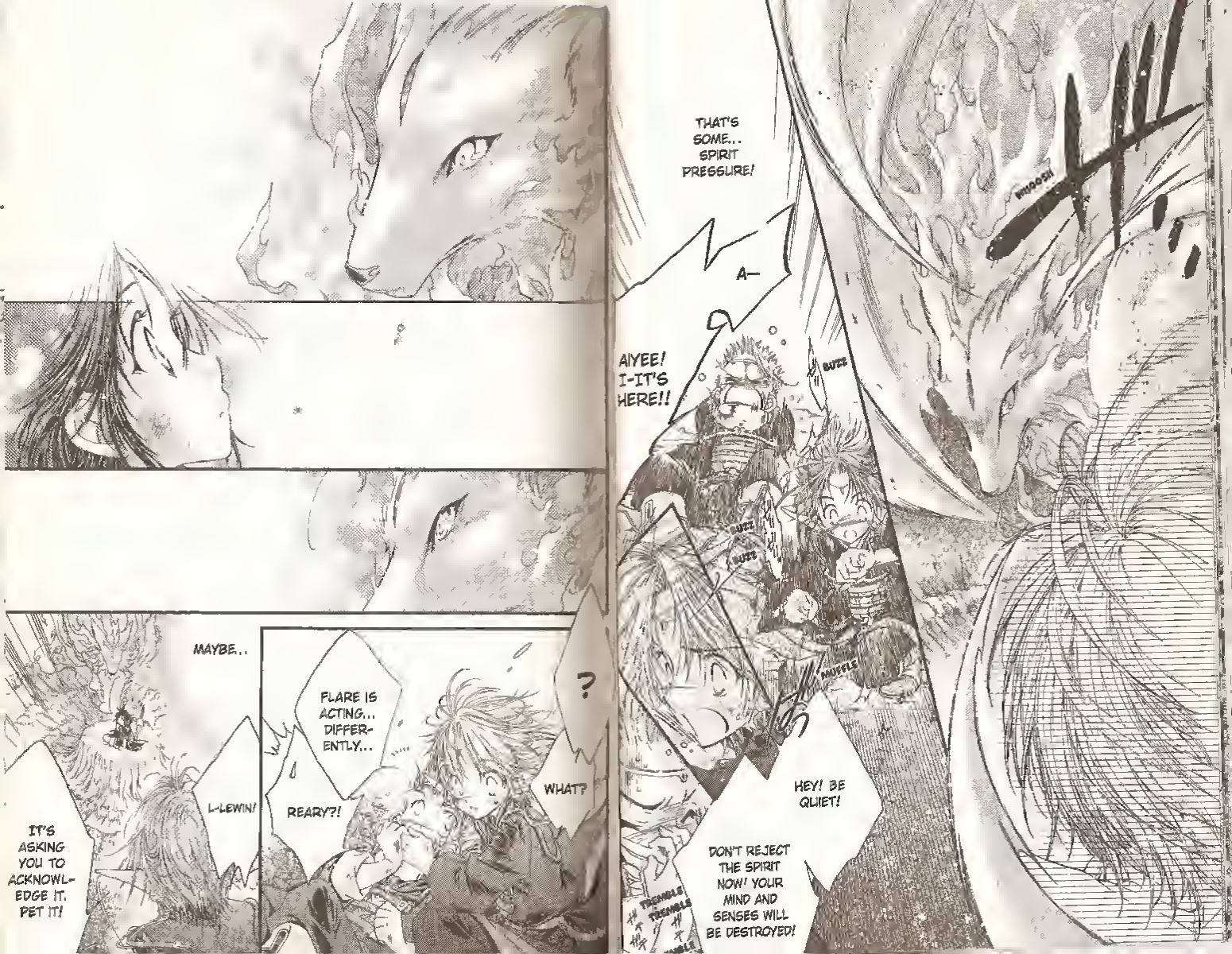
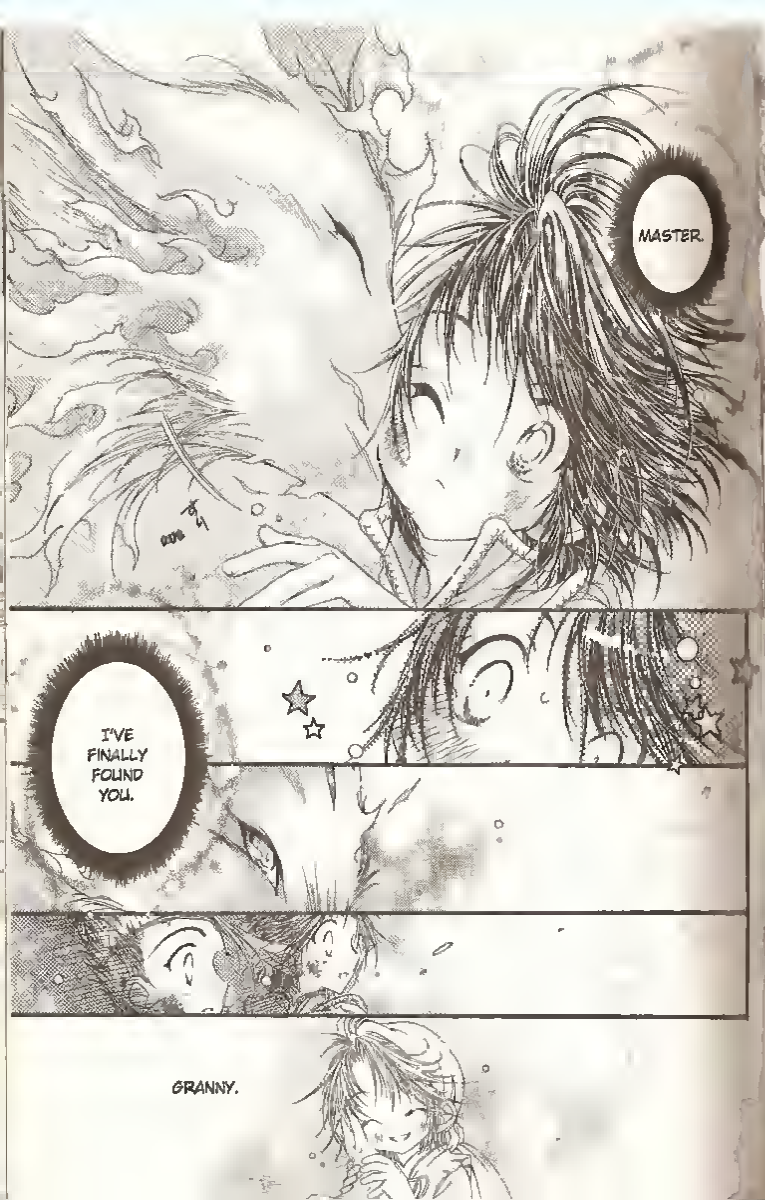



GRUMB
GRUMB
GRUMB
AIYEE!
LEWIN!
GRUMB
GRUMB
GRUMB

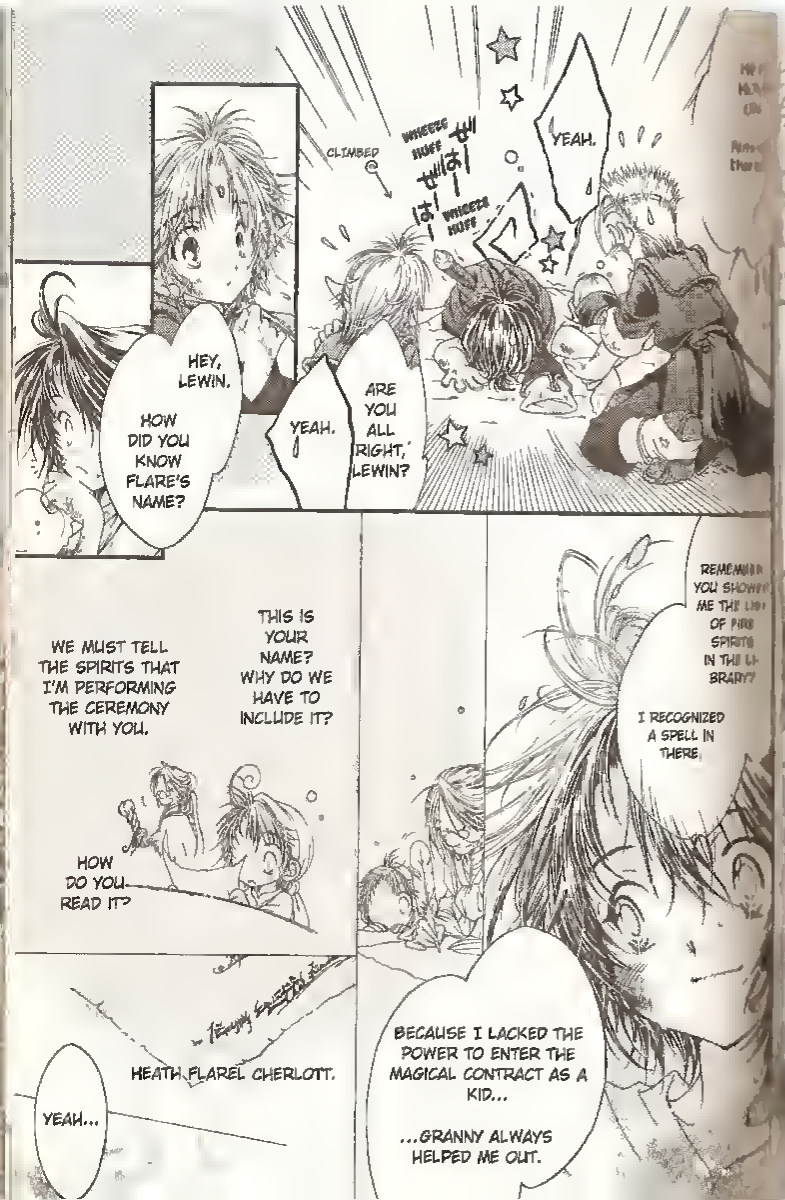
B-BUT HE CAN'T USE MAGIC. WHY?
WHA-
WHAT THE HECK?!
SO WHY WAS HE ABLE TO SUMMON FLARE OF ALL SPIRITS?
FLARE IS A POWERFUL SPIRIT.
HE'S RIGHT
.....
IS IT CONNECTED TO HIS TRANSFORMED SWORD?
DON'T TELL ME—
SCUFF
SLUMP
SLUMP
WAS IT A COINCI-DENCE? NO!
THUMP
FLARE WAS FOLLOWING LEWIN'S COMMANDS.
IT WOULDN'T HAPPEN JUST BY ACCIDENT.

FSHH
FSHH
FSHH

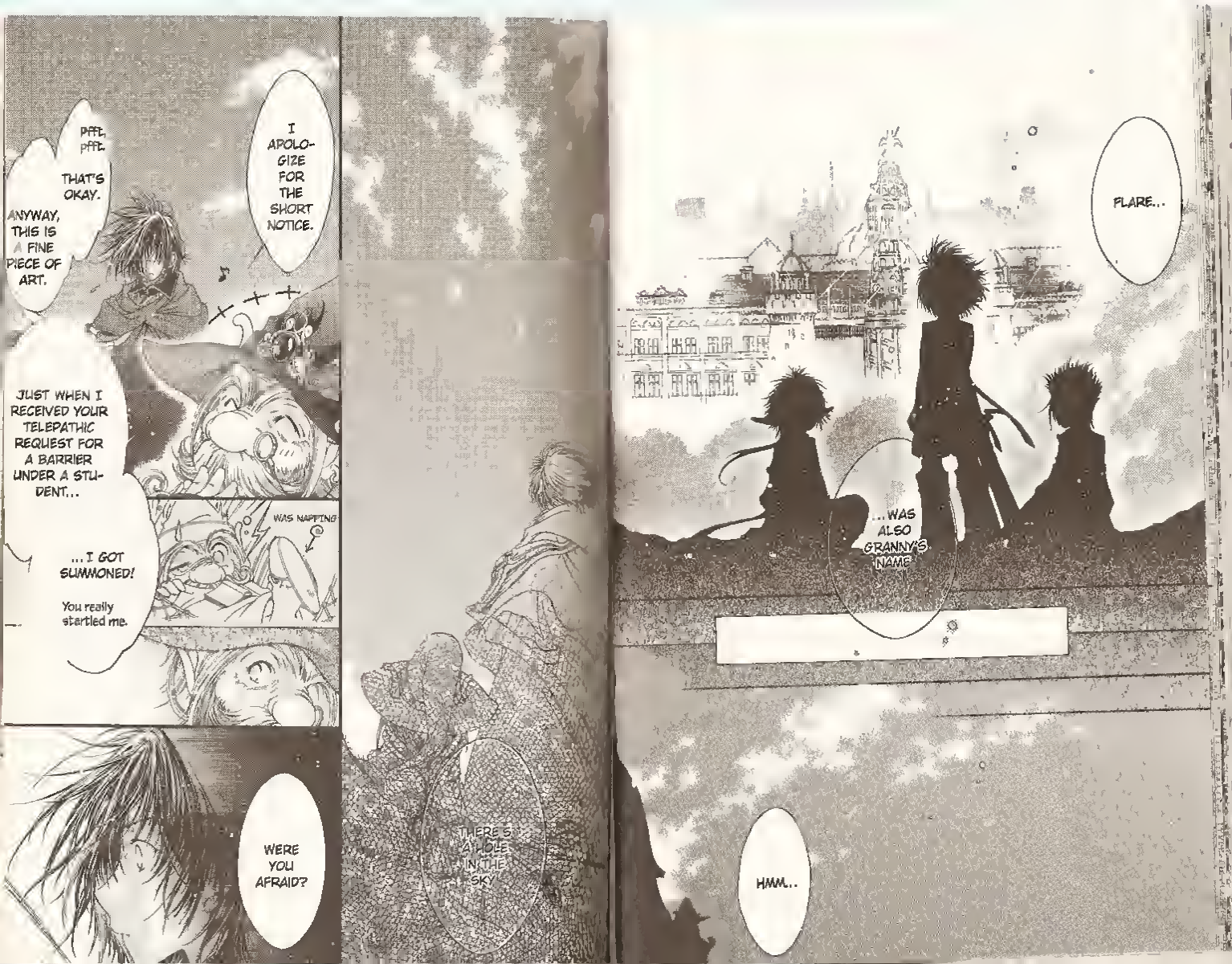

THAT'S SOME... SPIRIT PRESSURE!
WHOOSH
A—
AIYEE! I-IT'S HERE!!
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
MUFFLE
HEY! BE QUIET!
DON'T REJECT THE SPIRIT NOW! YOUR MIND AND SENSES WILL BE DESTROYED!
TREMBLE TREMBLE
WHAT?
?
FLARE IS ACTING... DIFFER-ENTLY...
REARY?!
L-LEWIN!
MAYBE..
IT'S ASKING YOU TO ACKNOWL-EDGE IT. PET IT!

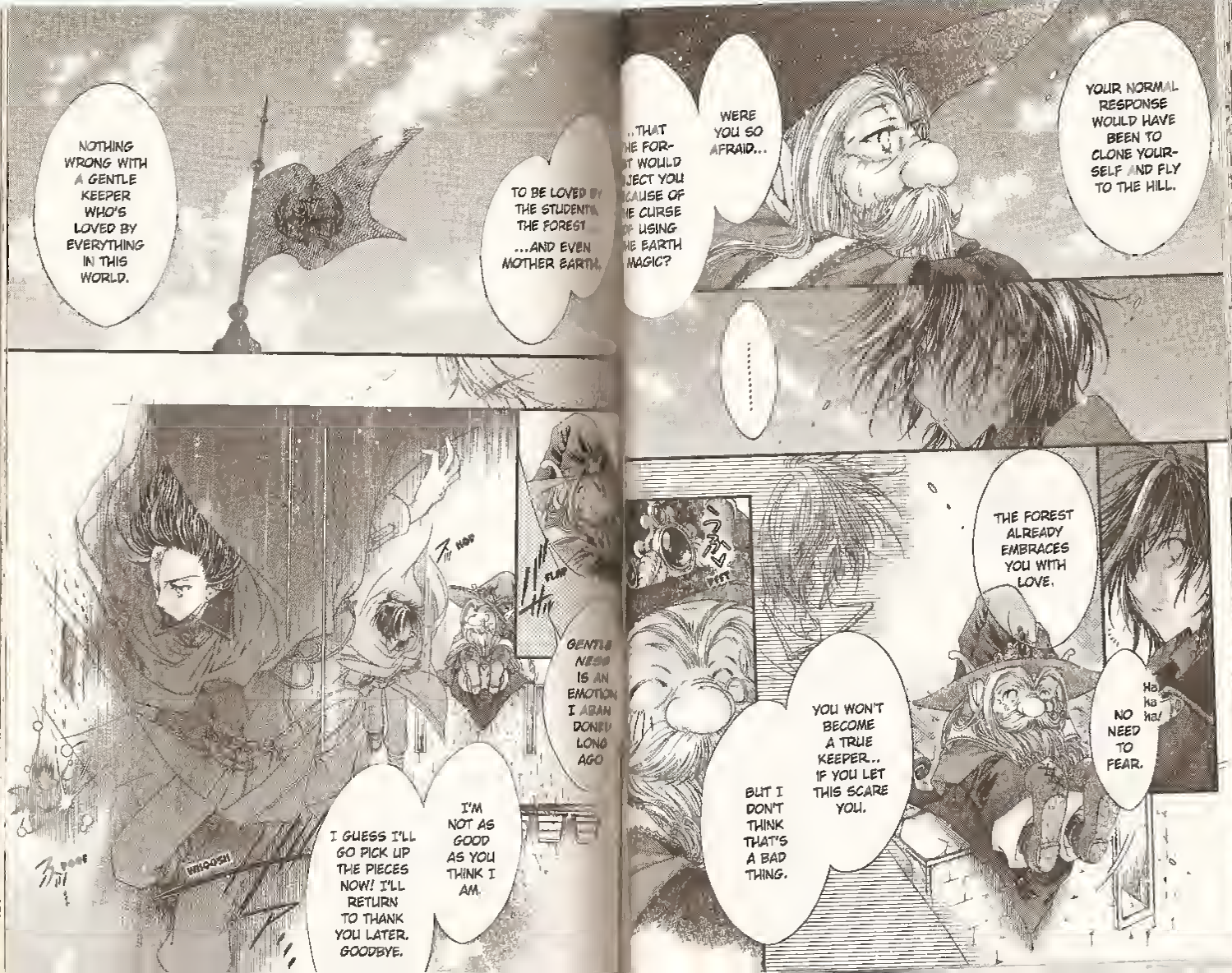

MASTER.
I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU.
GRANNY.

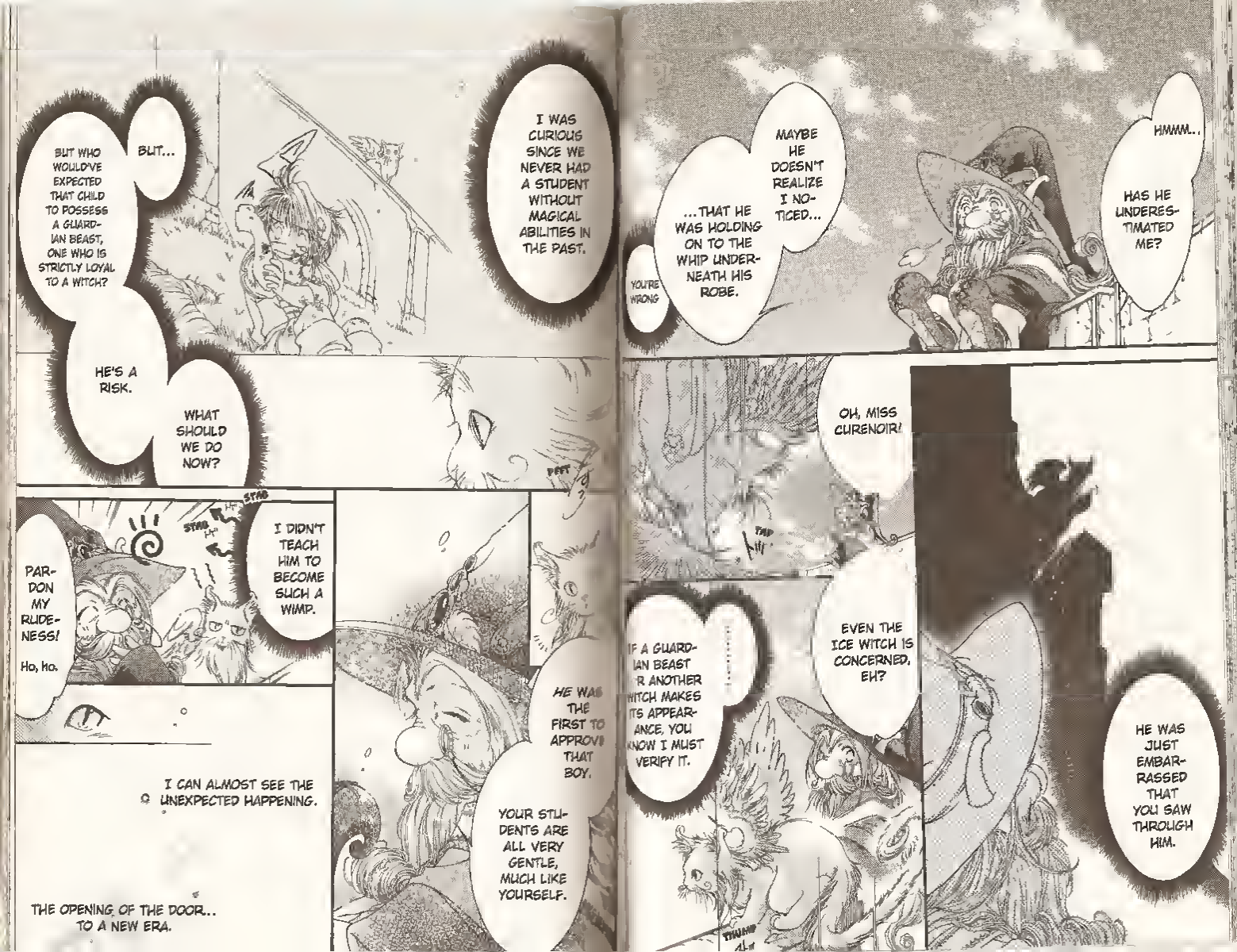
B-BUT IT'S LIKE...
a ball of fire!
EH? Y-YOU SAID I... SHOULD PET THIS?!
I HOPE IT ISN'T HOT.
NERVOUS
NERVOUS
NERVOUS
FLUFF
OH...
!?


HEY, LEWIN.
HOW DID YOU KNOW FLARE'S NAME?
YEAH.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, LEWIN?
CLIMBED
WHEEZE HUFF
WHEEZE HUFF
YEAH.
THIS IS YOUR NAME? WHY DO WE HAVE TO INCLUDE IT?
WE MUST TELL THE SPIRITS THAT I'M PERFORMING THE CEREMONY WITH YOU.
HOW DO YOU READ IT?
HEATH FLAREL CHERLOTT.
YEAH...
REMEMBER YOU SHOWED ME THE LIST OF FIRE SPIRITS IN THE LIBRARY?
I RECOGNIZED A SPELL IN THERE.
BECAUSE I LACKED THE POWER TO ENTER THE MAGICAL CONTRACT AS A KID...
...GRANNY ALWAYS HELPED ME OUT.

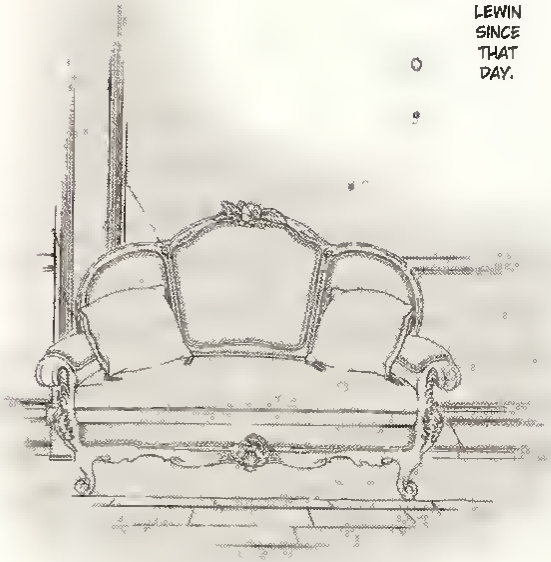
FSHH
POOF
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS
YOU USING MY PRECIOUS SWORD.
TRIANGLE
TRIANGLE
AUGHH
GRANNY..


I APOLOGIZE FOR THE SHORT NOTICE.
pfft, pfft.
THAT'S OKAY.
ANYWAY, THIS IS A FINE PIECE OF ART.
JUST WHEN I RECEIVED YOUR TELEPATHIC REQUEST FOR A BARRIER UNDER A STUDENT...
...I GOT SUMMONED!
You really startled me.
WAS NAPPING
WERE YOU AFRAID?
THERE'S A HOLE IN THE SKY
FLARE...
...WAS ALSO GRANNY'S NAME
HMM...


NOTHING WRONG WITH A GENTLE KEEPER WHO'S LOVED BY EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD.
TO BE LOVED BY THE STUDENTS, THE FOREST ...AND EVEN MOTHER EARTH.
..THAT HE FOR- T WOULD JECT YOU CAUSE OF HE CURSE OF USING HE EARTH MAGIC?
WERE YOU SO AFRAID...
YOUR NORMAL RESPONSE WOULD HAVE BEEN TO CLONE YOUR- SELF AND FLY TO THE HILL.
.....
THE FOREST ALREADY EMBRACES YOU WITH LOVE.
Ha ha ha!
NO NEED TO FEAR.
YOU WON'T BECOME A TRUE KEEPER... IF YOU LET THIS SCARE YOU.
BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'S A BAD THING.
GENTLE NESS IS AN EMOTION I ABAN DONED LONG AGO
I'M NOT AS GOOD AS YOU THINK I AM.
I GUESS I'LL GO PICK UP THE PIECES NOW! I'LL RETURN TO THANK YOU LATER. GOODBYE.
WHOOSH
FLAP
POOF

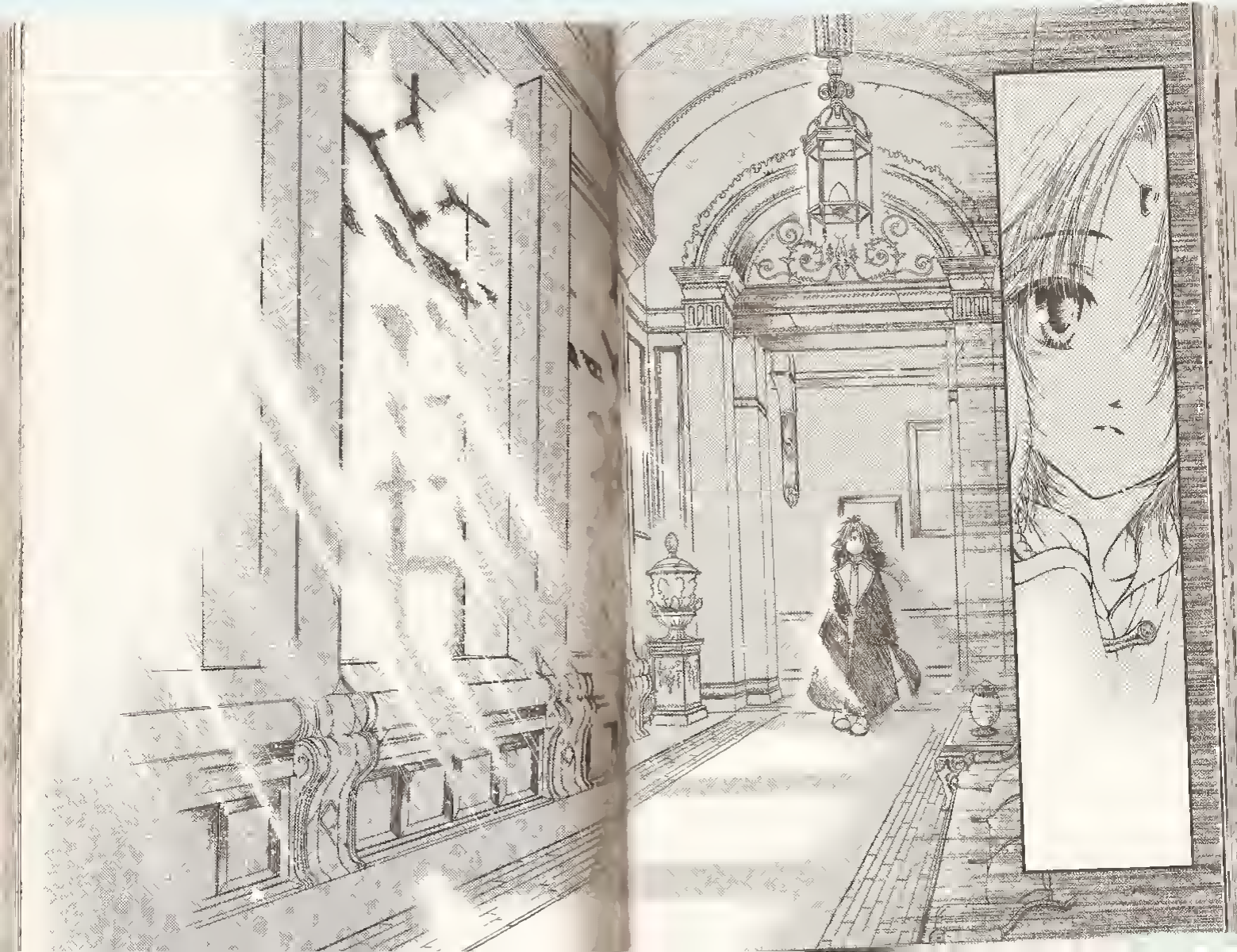

I WAS CURIOUS SINCE WE NEVER HAD A STUDENT WITHOUT MAGICAL ABILITIES IN THE PAST.
BUT...
BUT WHO WOULD'VE EXPECTED THAT CHILD TO POSSESS A GUARDIAN BEAST, ONE WHO IS STRICTLY LOYAL TO A WITCH?
HE'S A RISK.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?
PEFF
HMMM...
HAS HE UNDERESTIMATED ME?
MAYBE HE DOESN'T REALIZE I NOTICED...
...THAT HE WAS HOLDING ON TO THE WHIP UNDERNEATH HIS ROBE.
YOU'RE WRONG
OH, MISS CURENOIR!
TAP
EVEN THE ICE WITCH IS CONCERNED, EH?
IF A GUARDIAN BEAST R ANOTHER ITCH MAKES TS APPEARANCE, YOU NOW I MUST VERIFY IT.
HE WAS JUST EMBARRASSED THAT YOU SAW THROUGH HIM.
STAB
STAB
I DIDN'T TEACH HIM TO BECOME SUCH A WIMP.
PARDON MY RUDENESS!
Ho, Ho.
HE WAS THE FIRST TO APPROVE THAT BOY.
YOUR STUDENTS ARE ALL VERY GENTLE, MUCH LIKE YOURSELF.
I CAN ALMOST SEE THE UNEXPECTED HAPPENING.
THE OPENING OF THE DOOR... TO A NEW ERA.

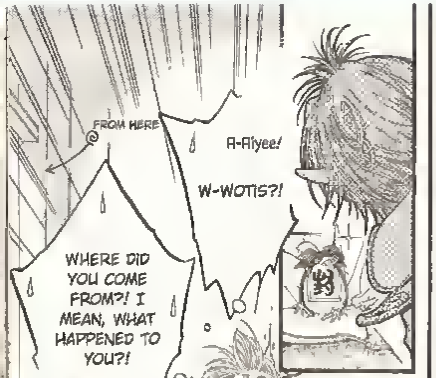
THAT MUST
BE IT..


I HAVEN'T SEEN LEWIN SINCE THAT DAY.

AFTER THAT INCIDENT...
THE PROFESSORS REPRIMANDED LEWIN FOR TRESPASSING ON THE WIZARDRY CLASS,
AND ME FOR BEING HIS ACCOMPLICE, AS EXPECTED.
WE GOT SUSPENDED FOR A WEEK WITH TONS OF ASSIGNMENTS
HARDLY ANYONE WAS THERE WHEN I WENT WITH LEWIN THAT DAY.
I KNOW! I'LL CUT THROUGH THE HALLWAY BY THE MEETING ROOM!
TAP TAP TAP TAP
TAP
I HAVEN'T SEEN LEWIN SINCE THAT DAY.
IT'S BEEN SIX DAYS NOW.

DID HE SHOOT THE LIGHT THROUGH THE SKY, TOO?
WHAT?
THEY'RE DOING THAT KIND OF TRAINING ALREADY?
WOW!
I HEARD...
...IT WAS A FIRST-YEAR ELF STUDENT WHO SUMMONED THE SALAMANDER!
REALLY?!
NO WAY! THAT HAD TO BE A PROFESSOR!
OH, NO!
BELL!
DONG
コォーン
DONG
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH
AH!
WHH
DASH
TWITCH
OH, BOY.
HUNCH
I-I SHOULD GO BACK!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT STORY IS EVERYWHERE!
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
UH-OH!
I JUST CAME HERE TO HAVE MY SHOULDER EXAMINED, BUT...

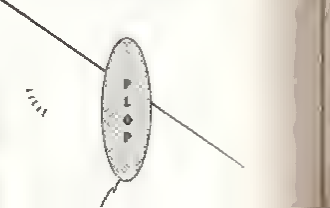



FROM HERE
A-Aiyee!
W-WOTIS?!
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?! I MEAN, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!
Got a cavity?!

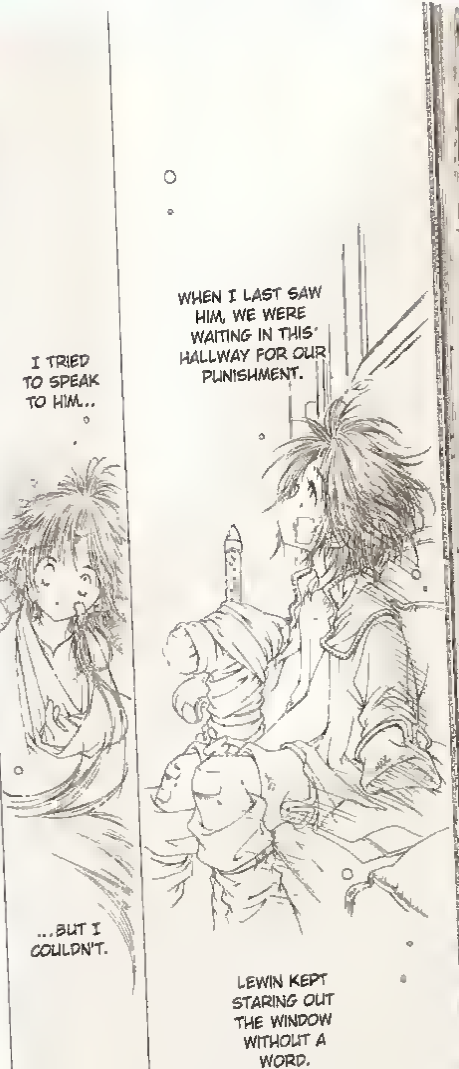
HA HA HA!
THUD
OH? IS THIS... A LETTER?
RUSTLE

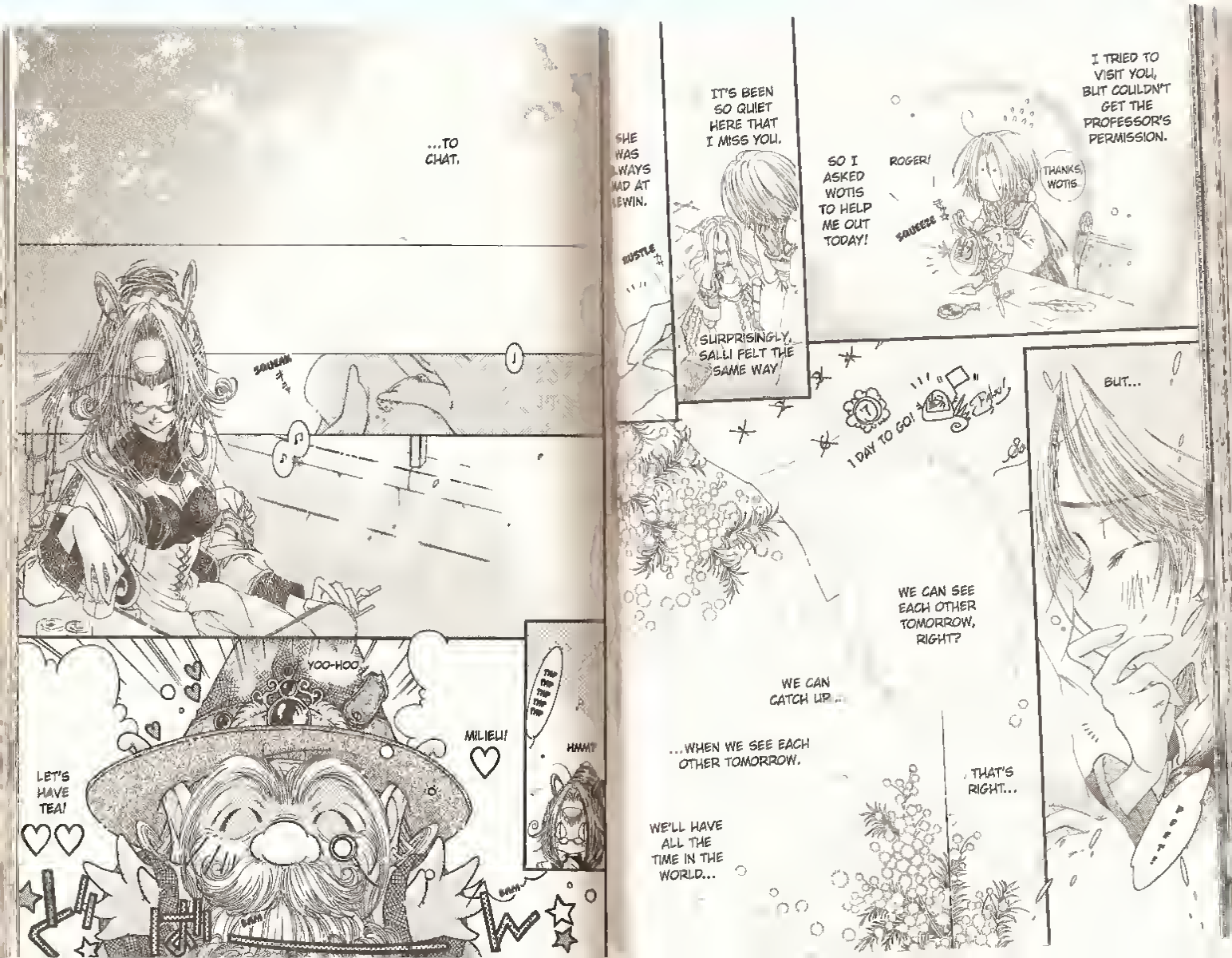
TO CHRIS
I HOPE YOU'RE FEELING BETTER.

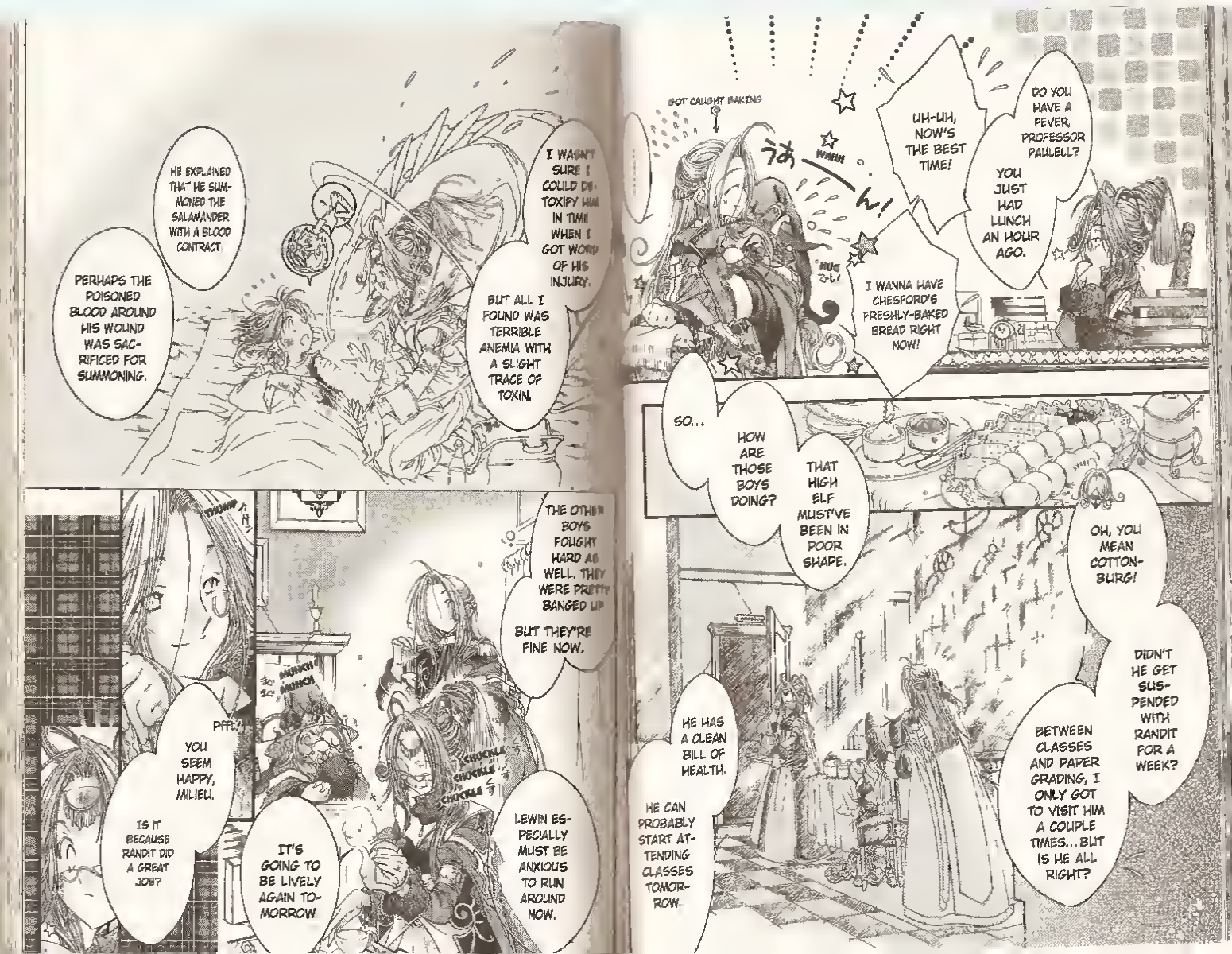
HEY, THIES...
I WONDER WHY HE LOOKED SO SAD.

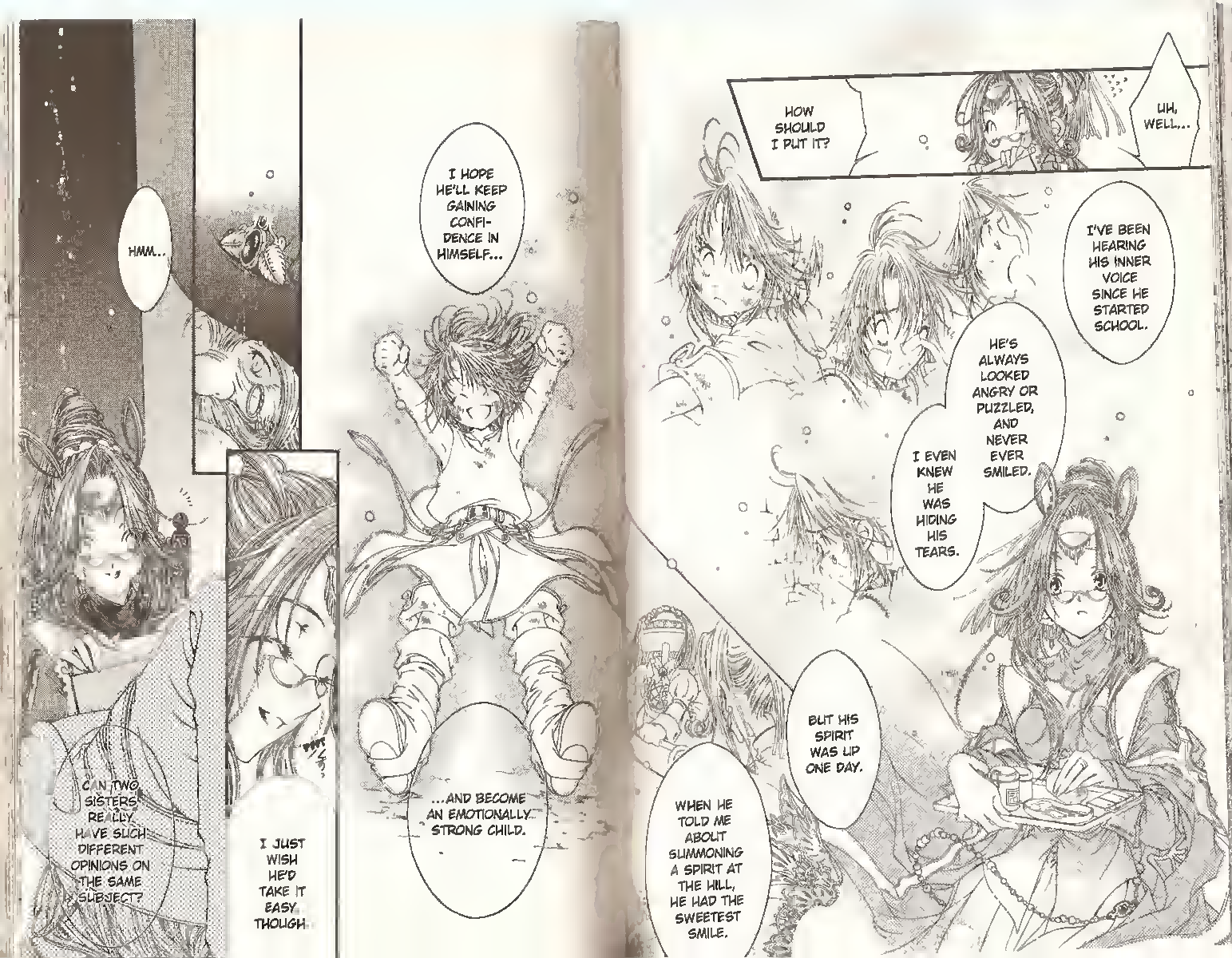

PLOP

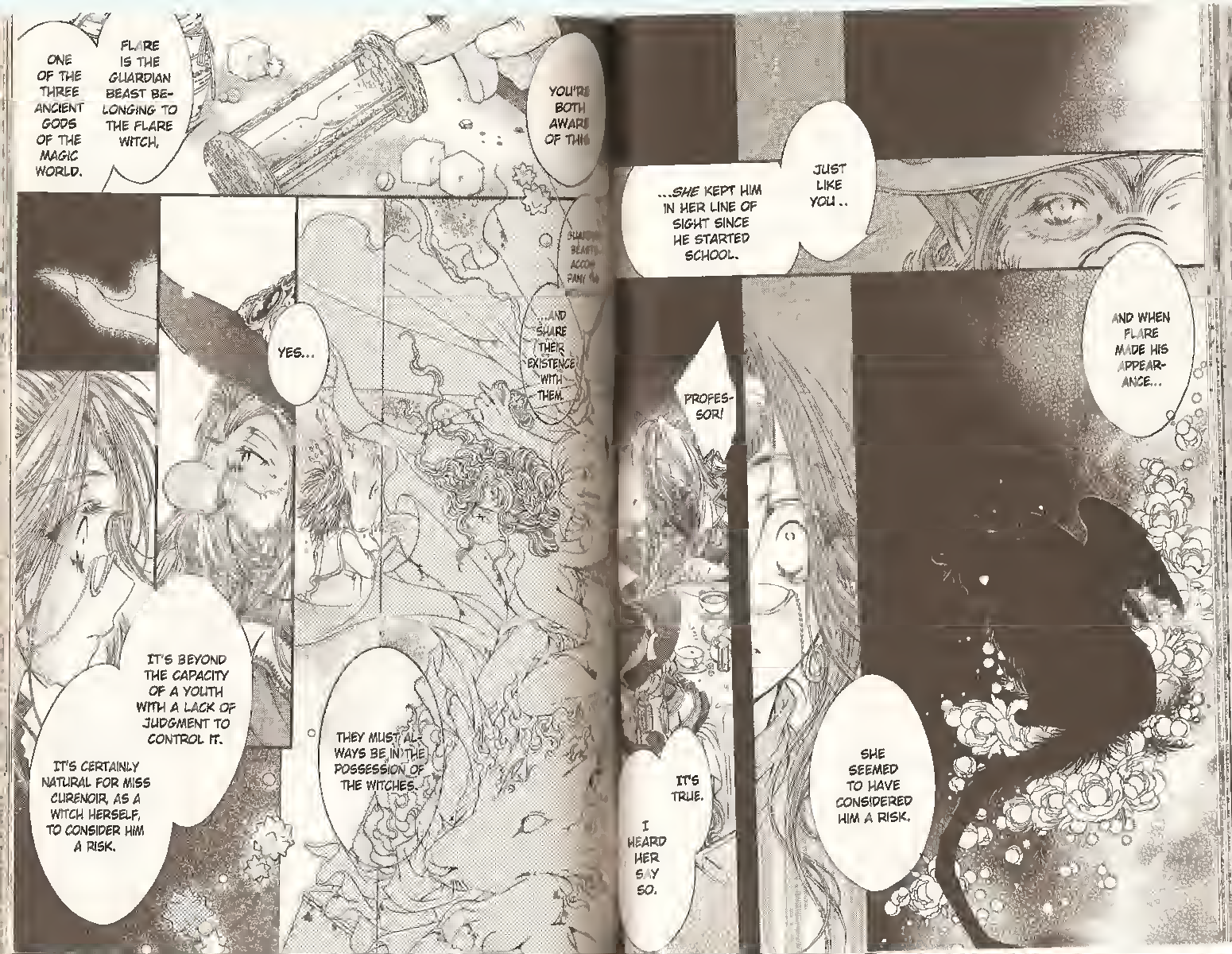
I TRIED TO SPEAK TO HIM...
...BUT I COULDN'T.


WHEN I LAST SAW HIM, WE WERE WAITING IN THIS HALLWAY FOR OUR PUNISHMENT.
LEWIN KEPT STARING OUT THE WINDOW WITHOUT A WORD.

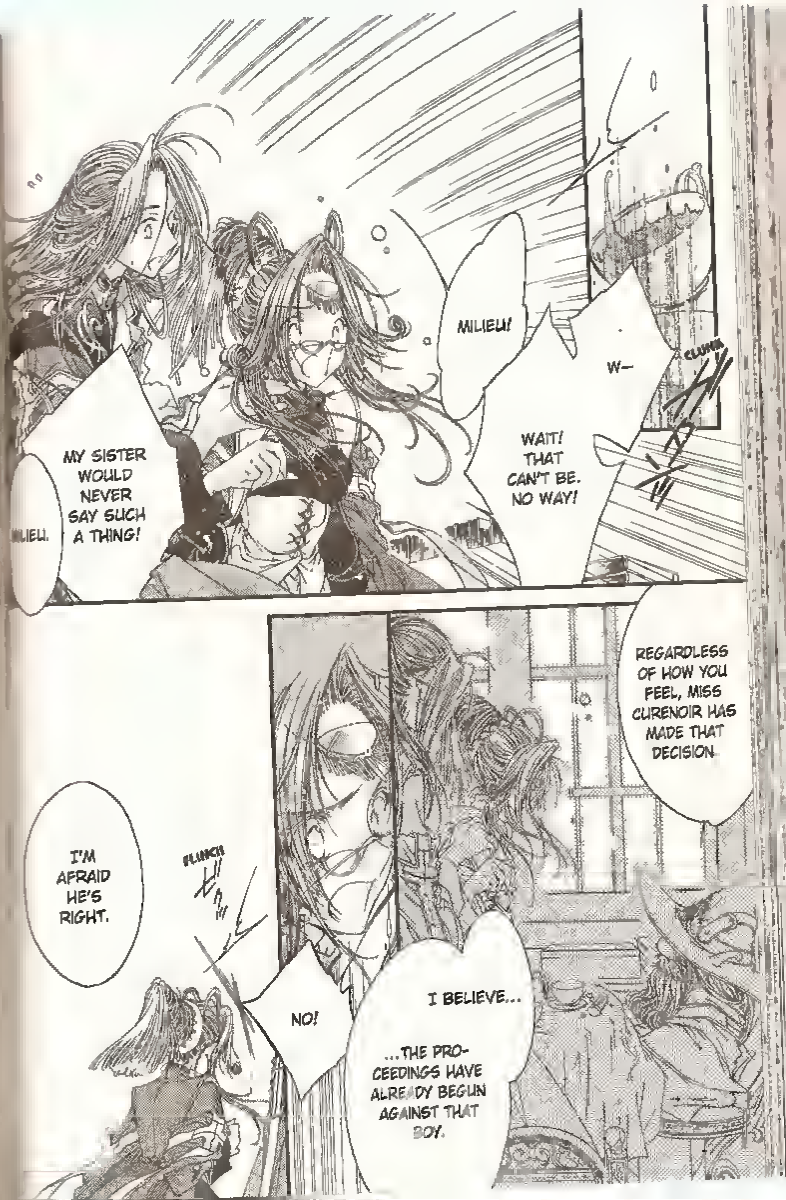

...TO CHAT.
SQUEAK
YOO-HOO
MILIELI!
LET'S HAVE TEA!
HMM?
SHE WAS ALWAYS MAD AT LEWIN.
RUSTLE
IT'S BEEN SO QUIET HERE THAT I MISS YOU.
SURPRISINGLY, SALLI FELT THE SAME WAY
SO I ASKED WOTIS TO HELP ME OUT TODAY!
ROGER!
SQUEEZE
THANKS, WOTIS
I TRIED TO VISIT YOU, BUT COULDN'T GET THE PROFESSOR'S PERMISSION.
1 DAY TO GO!
BUT...
WE CAN SEE EACH OTHER TOMORROW, RIGHT?
WE CAN CATCH UP...
...WHEN WE SEE EACH OTHER TOMORROW.
THAT'S RIGHT...
WE'LL HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD...

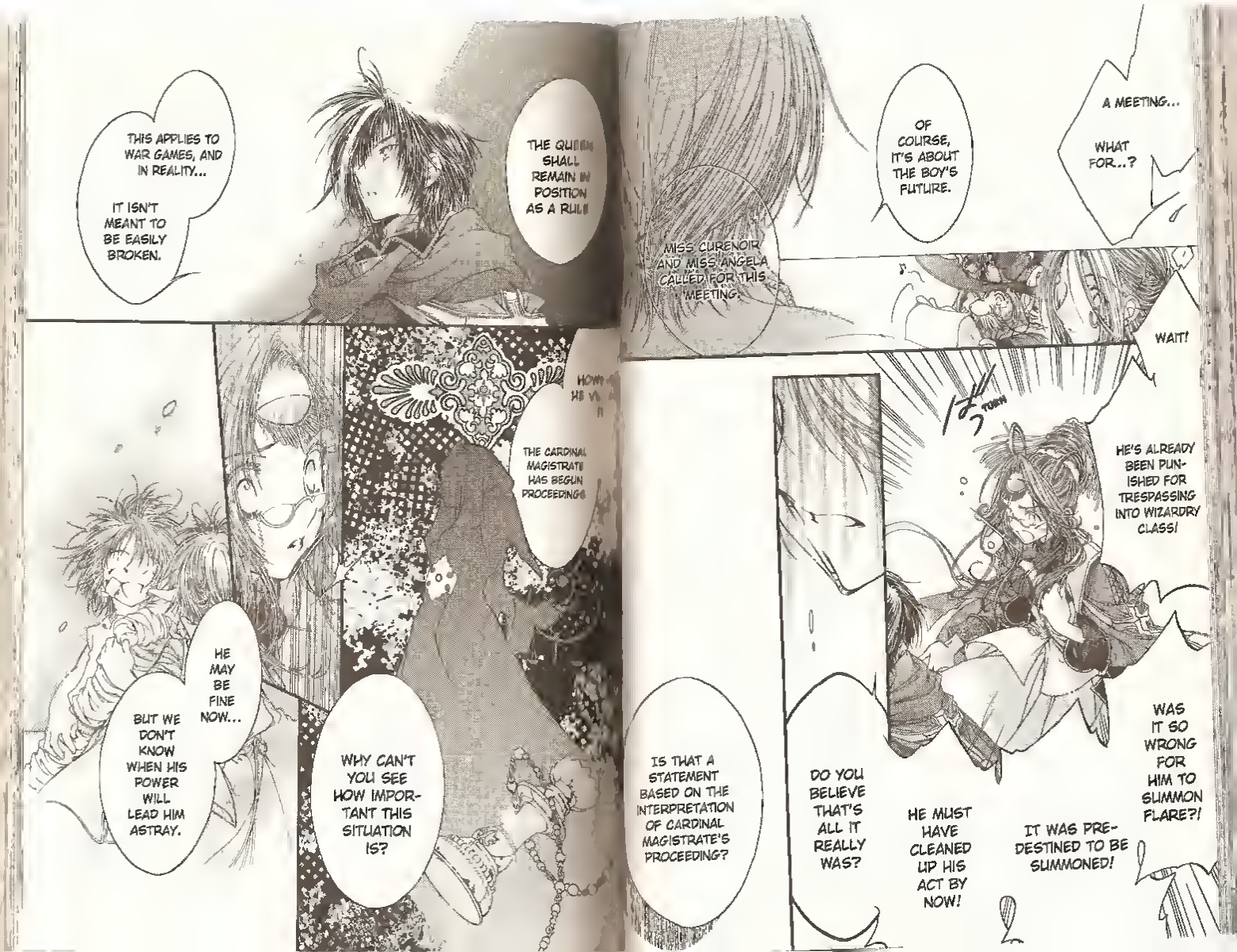

GOT CAUGHT BAKING
WAHH
UH-UH, NOW'S THE BEST TIME!
DO YOU HAVE A FEVER, PROFESSOR PAULELL? YOU JUST HAD LUNCH AN HOUR AGO.
I WANNA HAVE CHESFORD'S FRESHLY-BAKED BREAD RIGHT NOW!
SO...
HOW ARE THOSE BOYS DOING?
THAT HIGH ELF MUST'VE BEEN IN POOR SHAPE.
OH, YOU MEAN COTTON-BURG!
DIDN'T HE GET SUSPENDED WITH RANDIT FOR A WEEK?
BETWEEN CLASSES AND PAPER GRADING, I ONLY GOT TO VISIT HIM A COUPLE TIMES... BUT IS HE ALL RIGHT?
HE HAS A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH.
HE CAN PROBABLY START ATTENDING CLASSES TOMORROW.
I WASN'T SURE I COULD DETOXIFY HIM IN TIME WHEN I GOT WORD OF HIS INJURY.
BUT ALL I FOUND WAS TERRIBLE ANEMIA WITH A SLIGHT TRACE OF TOXIN.
HE EXPLAINED THAT HE SUMMONED THE SALAMANDER WITH A BLOOD CONTRACT.
PERHAPS THE POISONED BLOOD AROUND HIS WOUND WAS SACRIFICED FOR SUMMONING.
THE OTHER BOYS FOUGHT HARD AS WELL. THEY WERE PRETTY BANGED UP
BUT THEY'RE FINE NOW.
CHUCKLE CHUCKLE CHUCKLE
LEWIN ESPECIALLY MUST BE ANXIOUS TO RUN AROUND NOW.
IT'S GOING TO BE LIVELY AGAIN TOMORROW
PFFT
YOU SEEM HAPPY, MILIEU.
IS IT BECAUSE RANDIT DID A GREAT JOB?

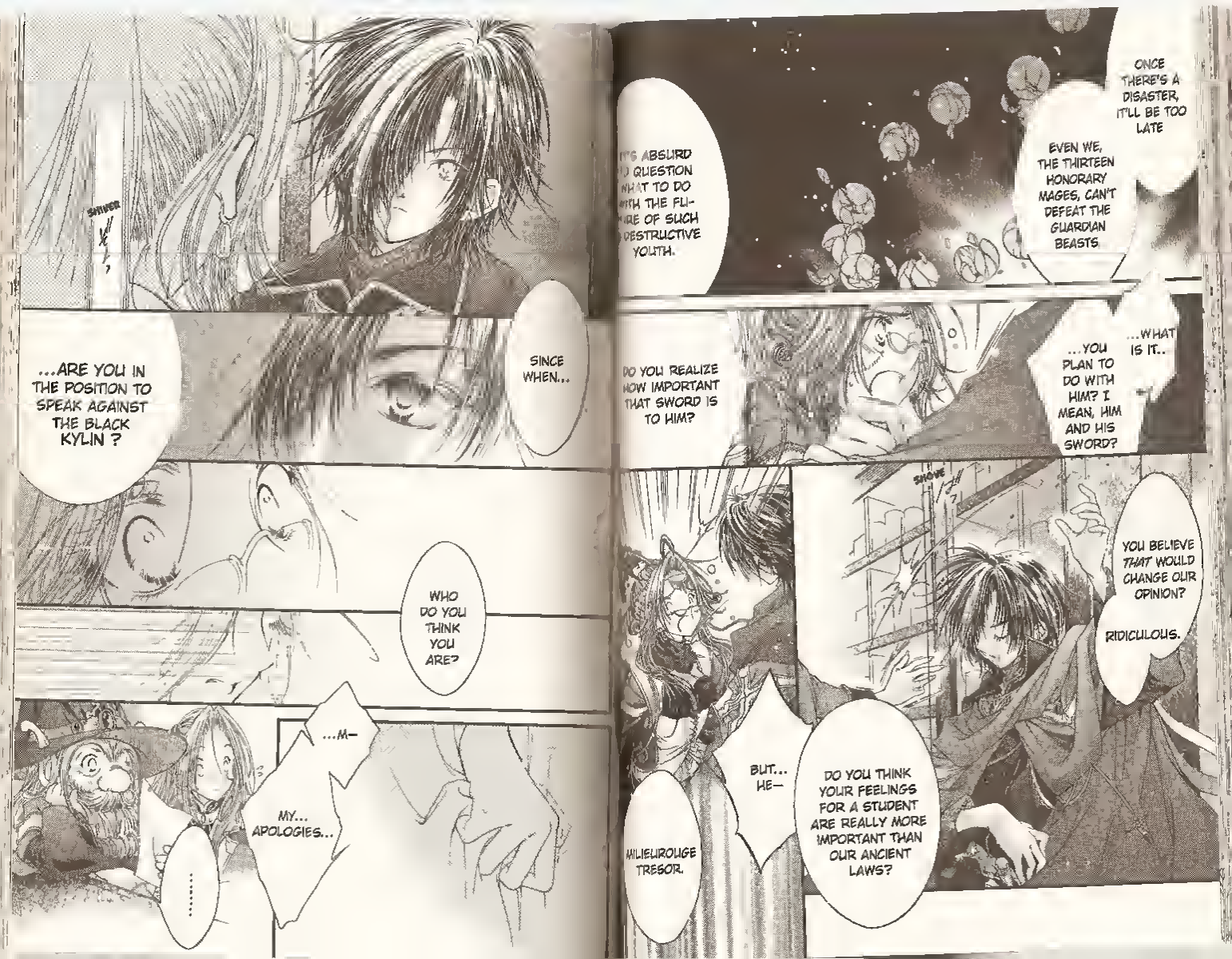

HMM...
CAN TWO SISTERS REALLY HAVE SUCH DIFFERENT OPINIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT?
I JUST WISH HE'D TAKE IT EASY, THOUGH.
I HOPE HE'LL KEEP GAINING CONFIDENCE IN HIMSELF...
...AND BECOME AN EMOTIONALLY STRONG CHILD.
HOW SHOULD I PUT IT?
UH, WELL...
I'VE BEEN HEARING HIS INNER VOICE SINCE HE STARTED SCHOOL.
HE'S ALWAYS LOOKED ANGRY OR PUZZLED, AND NEVER EVER SMILED.
I EVEN KNEW HE WAS HIDING HIS TEARS.
BUT HIS SPIRIT WAS UP ONE DAY.
WHEN HE TOLD ME ABOUT SUMMONING A SPIRIT AT THE HILL, HE HAD THE SWEETEST SMILE.

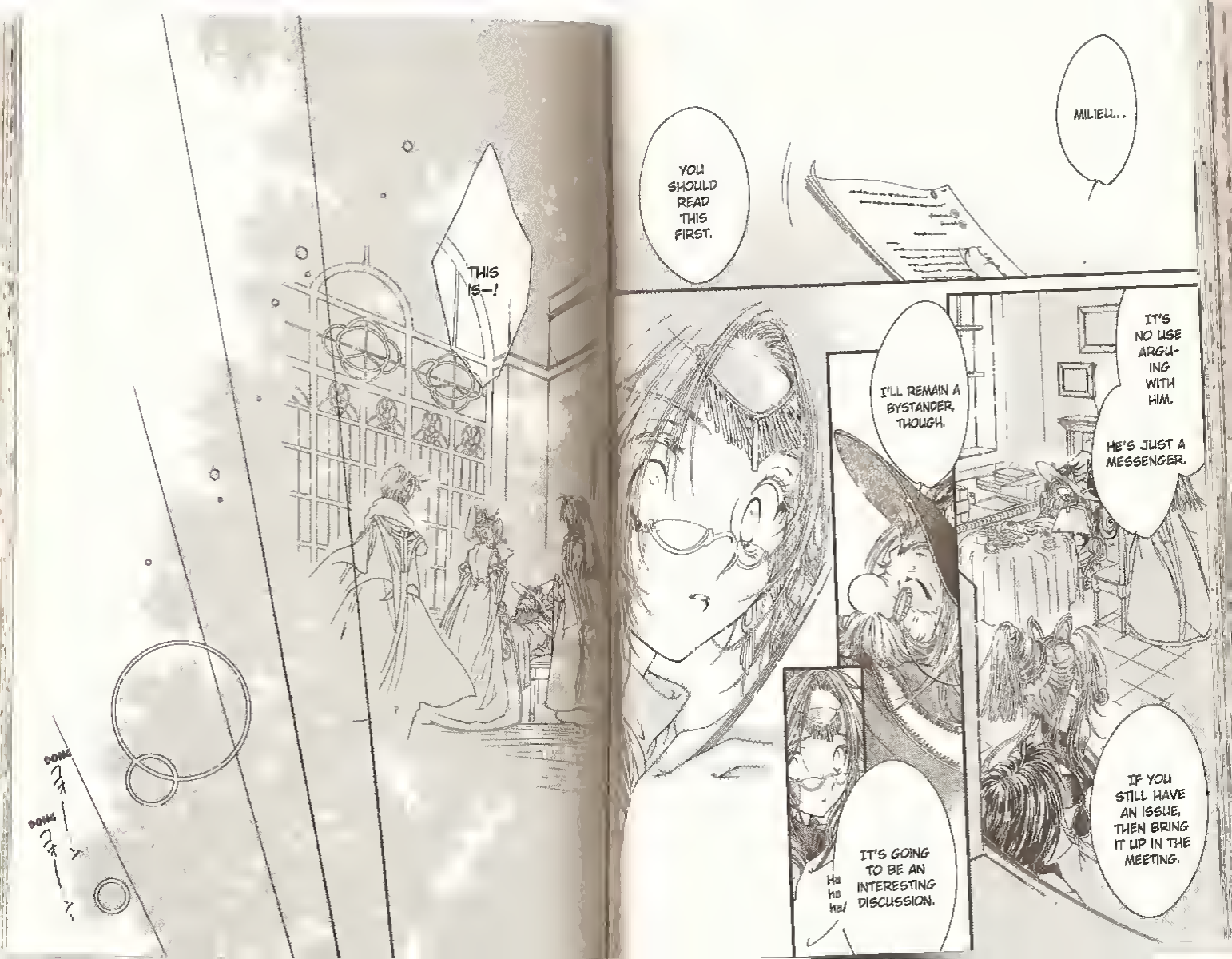

ONE OF THE THREE ANCIENT GODS OF THE MAGIC WORLD.
FLARE IS THE GUARDIAN BEAST BELONGING TO THE FLARE WITCH.
YOU'RE BOTH AWARE OF THIS
...AND SHARE THEIR EXISTENCE WITH THEM.
YES...
IT'S BEYOND THE CAPACITY OF A YOUTH WITH A LACK OF JUDGMENT TO CONTROL IT.
IT'S CERTAINLY NATURAL FOR MISS CURENOIR, AS A WITCH HERSELF, TO CONSIDER HIM A RISK.
THEY MUST ALWAYS BE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE WITCHES.
...SHE KEPT HIM IN HER LINE OF SIGHT SINCE HE STARTED SCHOOL.
JUST LIKE YOU..
PROFESSOR!
IT'S TRUE. I HEARD HER SAY SO.
AND WHEN FLARE MADE HIS APPEARANCE...
SHE SEEMED TO HAVE CONSIDERED HIM A RISK.

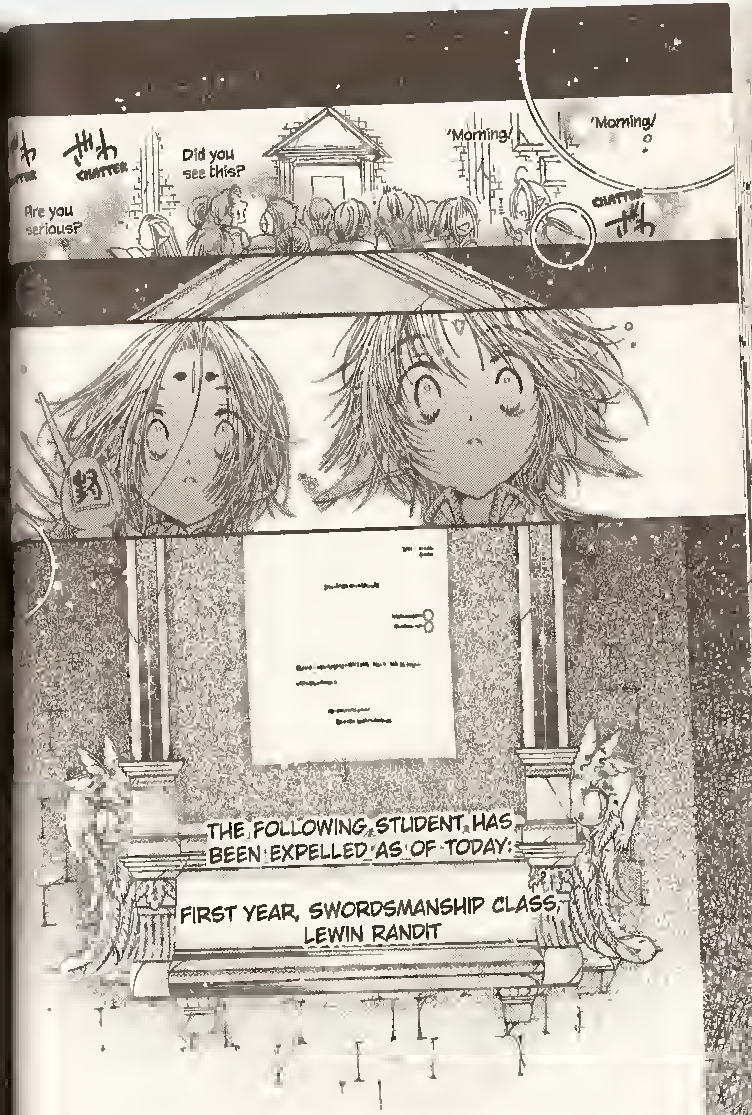
KLOP
KLOP
KLOP
HI, RIV!
IN FACT, WE'RE HOLDING AN EMERGENCY MEETING TODAY.
MISS ANGELA HAS ORDERED US TO REVIEW THE REPORT BEFOREHAND.
EH...?
AH!
PROFESSOR..
I ASK YOU TO REVIEW THIS AS WELL.
YES.

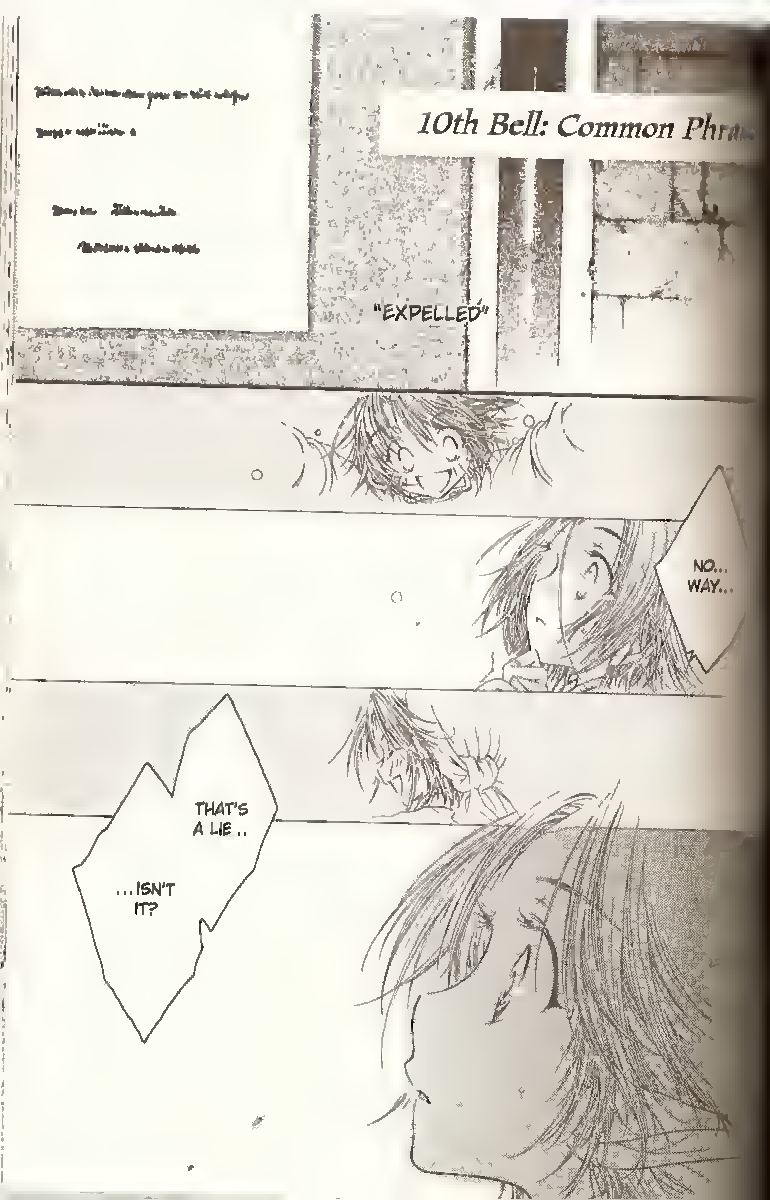

MILIEU!
W–
CLUNG
WAIT! THAT CAN'T BE. NO WAY!
MY SISTER WOULD NEVER SAY SUCH A THING!
MILIEU.
REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU FEEL, MISS CURENOIR HAS MADE THAT DECISION.
I'M AFRAID HE'S RIGHT.
FLINCH
NO!
I BELIEVE...
...THE PROCEEDINGS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN AGAINST THAT BOY.

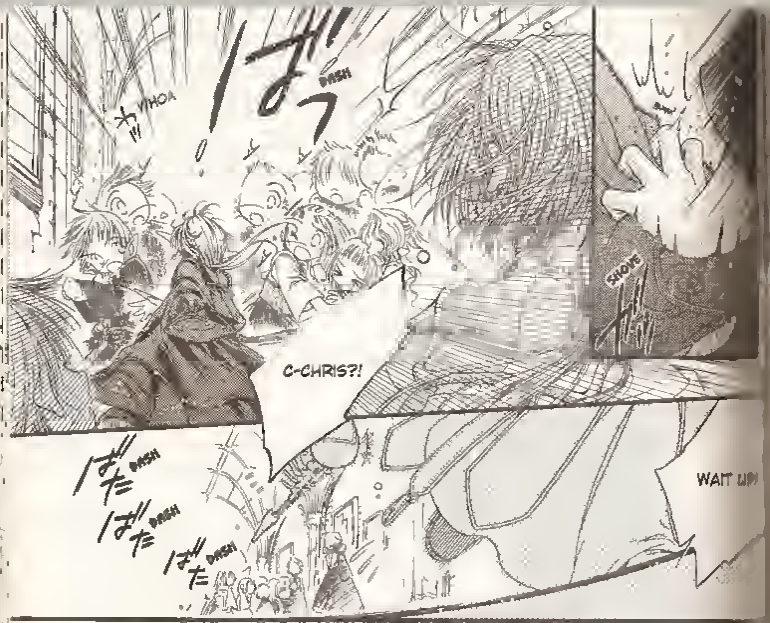

THIS APPLIES TO WAR GAMES, AND IN REALITY...
IT ISN'T MEANT TO BE EASILY BROKEN.
THE QUEEN SHALL REMAIN IN POSITION AS A RULE
MISS CURENOIR AND MISS ANGELA CALLED FOR THIS MEETING.
OF COURSE, IT'S ABOUT THE BOY'S FUTURE.
A MEETING...
WHAT FOR...?
WAIT!
TURN
HE'S ALREADY BEEN PUNISHED FOR TRESPASSING INTO WIZARDRY CLASS!
WAS IT SO WRONG FOR HIM TO SUMMON FLARE?!
IT WAS PREDESTINED TO BE SUMMONED!
HE MUST HAVE CLEANED UP HIS ACT BY NOW!
DO YOU BELIEVE THAT'S ALL IT REALLY WAS?
IS THAT A STATEMENT BASED ON THE INTERPRETATION OF CARDINAL MAGISTRATE'S PROCEEDING?
HOW
HE W
IT
THE CARDINAL MAGISTRATE HAS BEGUN PROCEEDINGS
WHY CAN'T YOU SEE HOW IMPORTANT THIS SITUATION IS?
HE MAY BE FINE NOW...
BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHEN HIS POWER WILL LEAD HIM ASTRAY.

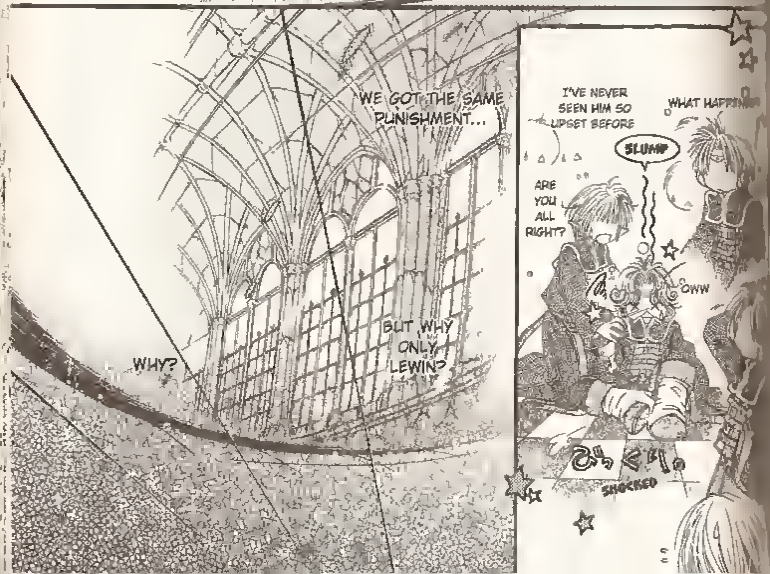

SHIVER
...ARE YOU IN THE POSITION TO SPEAK AGAINST THE BLACK KYLIN ?
SINCE WHEN...
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
...M—
MY... APOLOGIES...
.....
IT'S ABSURD TO QUESTION WHAT TO DO WITH THE FU-TURE OF SUCH DESTRUCTIVE YOUTH.
EVEN WE, THE THIRTEEN HONORARY MAGES, CAN'T DEFEAT THE GUARDIAN BEASTS.
ONCE THERE'S A DISASTER, IT'LL BE TOO LATE
DO YOU REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT THAT SWORD IS TO HIM?
...YOU PLAN TO DO WITH HIM? I MEAN, HIM AND HIS SWORD?
...WHAT IS IT..
SHOVE
YOU BELIEVE *THAT* WOULD CHANGE OUR OPINION?
RIDICULOUS.
BUT... HE—
DO YOU THINK YOUR FEELINGS FOR A STUDENT ARE REALLY MORE IMPORTANT THAN OUR ANCIENT LAWS?
MILIELIROUGE TRESOR.


THIS IS—!
DONG
DONG
MILIELL..
YOU SHOULD READ THIS FIRST.
I'LL REMAIN A BYSTANDER, THOUGH.
IT'S NO USE ARGUING WITH HIM.
HE'S JUST A MESSENGER.
IF YOU STILL HAVE AN ISSUE, THEN BRING IT UP IN THE MEETING.
IT'S GOING TO BE AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION.
Ha ha ha!


CHATTER
Are you serious?
CHATTER
Did you see this?
'Morning!
'Morning!
CHATTER
THE FOLLOWING STUDENT HAS BEEN EXPELLED AS OF TODAY:
FIRST YEAR, SWORDSMANSHIP CLASS,
LEWIN RANDIT


10th Bell: Common Phra
"EXPELLED"
NO...
WAY...
THAT'S
A LIE..
...ISN'T
IT?


WHOA
DASH
SHOVE
C-CHRIS?!
DASH
DASH
DASH
WAIT UP!


WE GOT THE SAME PUNISHMENT...
WHY?
BUT WHY ONLY LEWIN?
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM SO UPSET BEFORE
WHAT HAPPENED?
SLUMP
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
OWW
SHOCKED

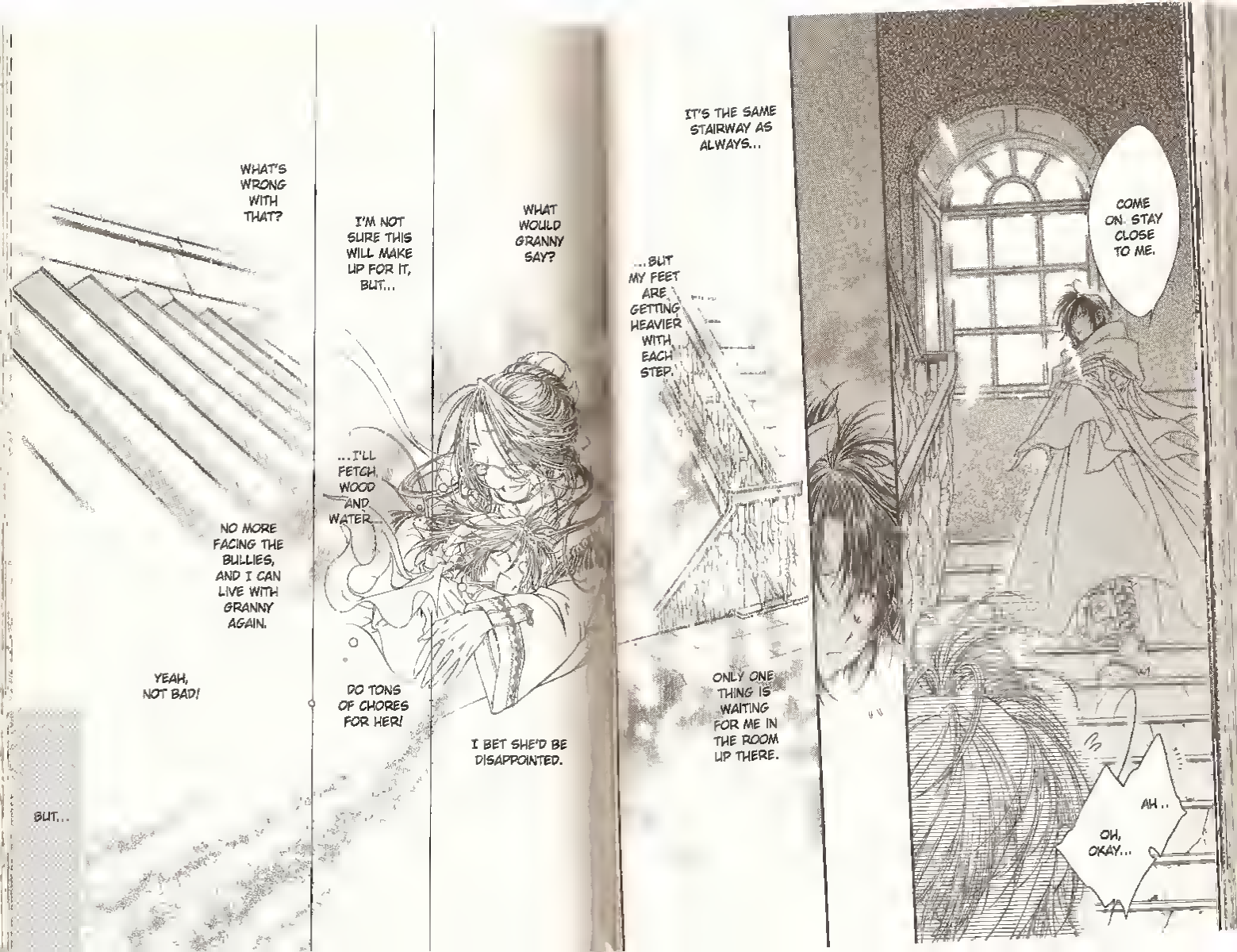
'Morning.
NOW, NOW, DON'T RUSH ME!
CHRIS'S HERE.
WAIT A MINUTE!
LUNCH
DOWN
FWIP
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
NO, IT ISN'T.
I EVEN HAVE PROOF!
TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON!
JUST SPIT IT OUT!
BATTLE

PANIC
I DIDN'T SEE IT MYSELF. I JUST OVERHEARD THE UPPERCLASSMEN TALKING.
THEY SAW A PROFESSOR IN A BLACK CLOAK ESCORTING HIM THROUGH THE WATER SQUARE.
THE DEAN'S OFFICE IS AT HEART OF WING DOWN THERE. I BET HE'S ABOUT TO GET THE BAD NEWS.

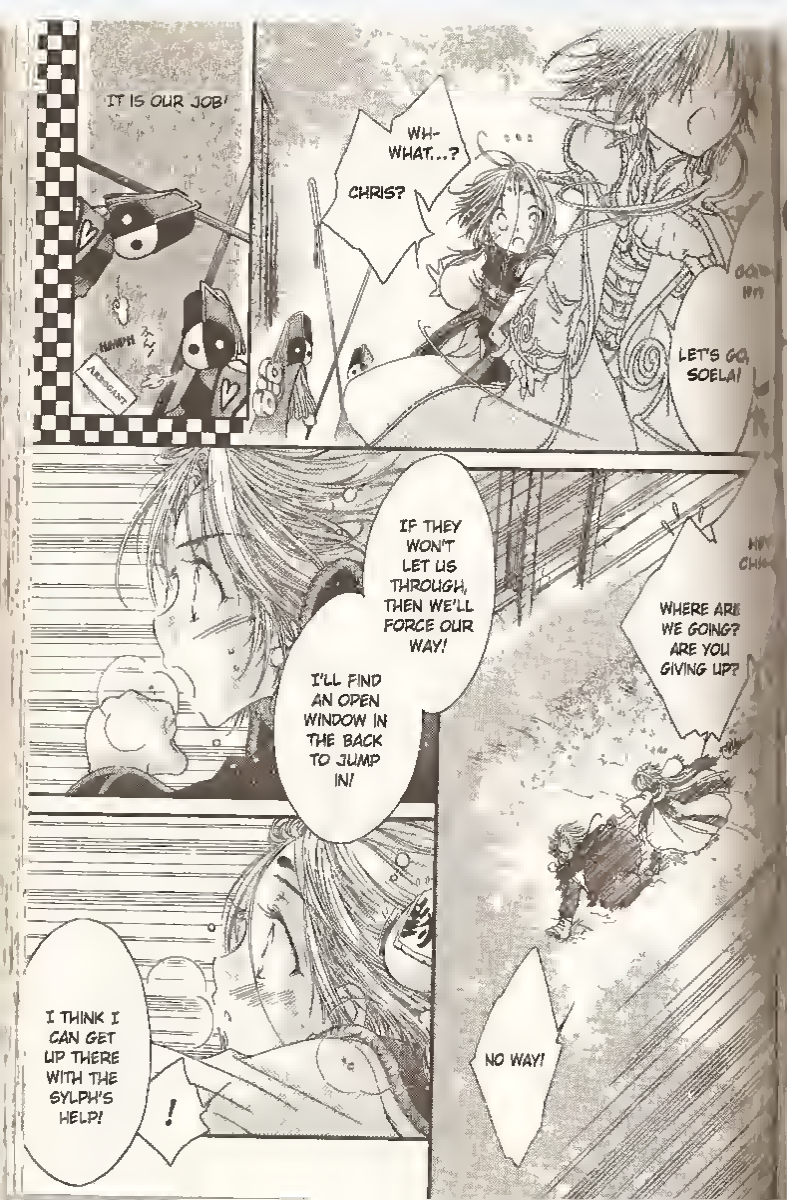
PLIP
PLIP
PLIP
BUT...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
DON'T GO ALONE!
GASP
!
NOT
SLAP
!?
S-SOE-
WHOOSH
I CAN'T STAND THIS, EITHER...
HEY, SOELA!
WHAT DO YOU THINK? DO I LOOK GOOD?! HMM?
I NEVER WANTED LEWIN TO BE EXPELLED...
CLUTCH
I SAID, WAIT...
ARE YOU OKAY WITH THIS?!
FLINCH
WIN COULD EXPELLED I DON'T DO OMETHING! OU WON'T ND THAT?!
HEY...
CAN'T..
HEY...
COME ON!
HOLD IT, CHRIS!

W-WOTIS?!
WHOOSH
SLAP
WAH!
WHOA!

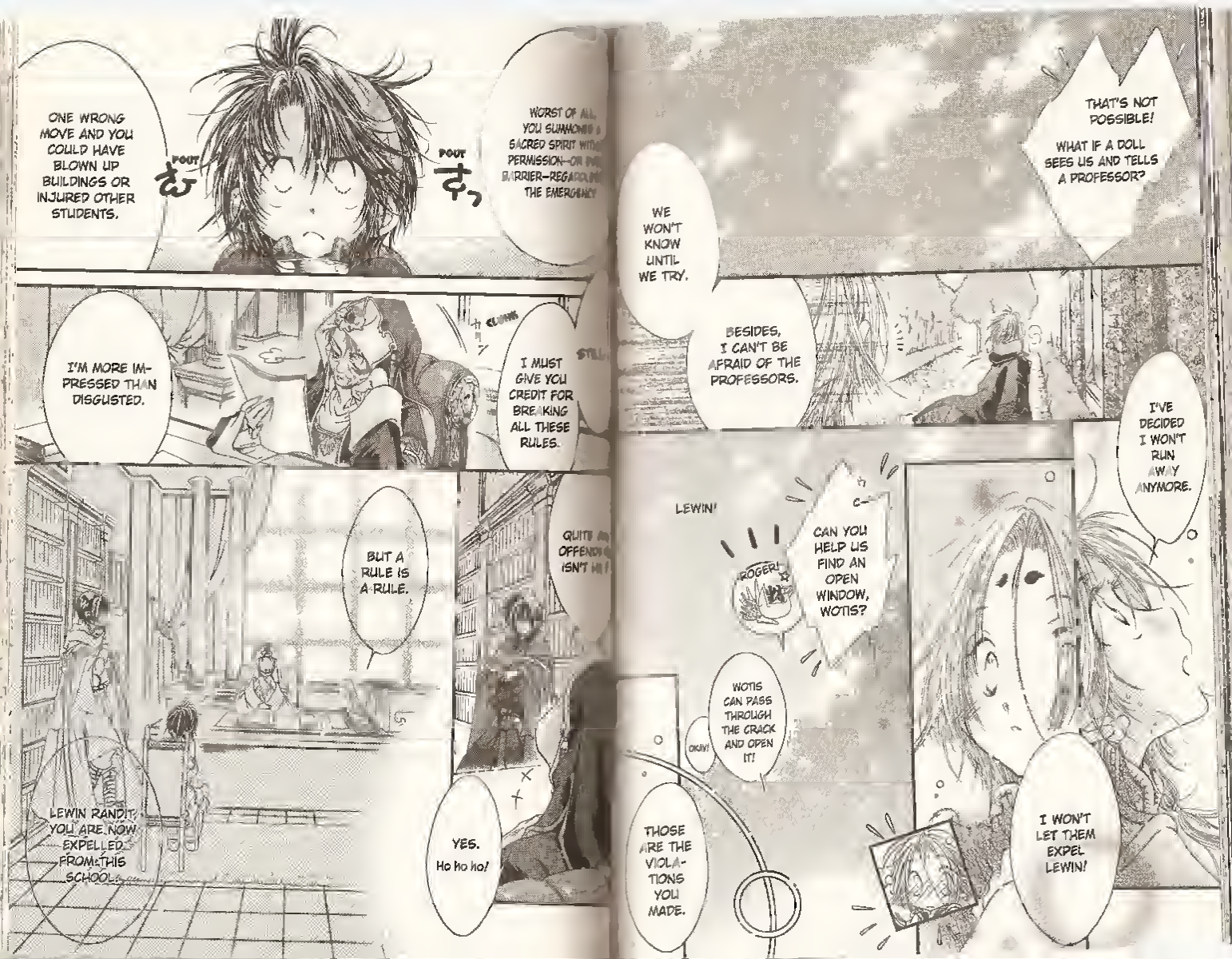
BUT...
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPEN-ING.
SORRY...
I...
I'M THE ONE WHO'S AT A LOSS FOR WHAT TO DO.

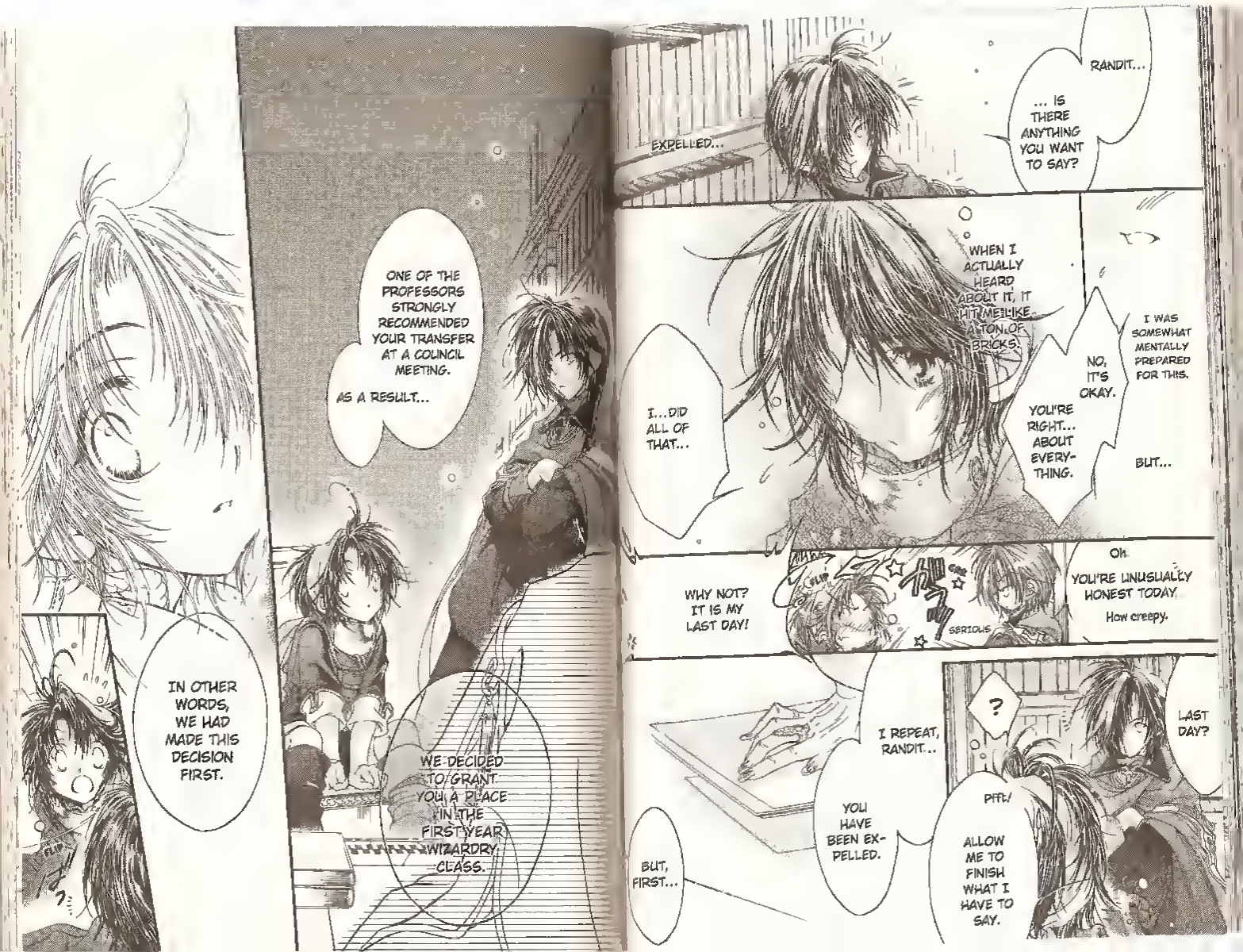

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
I'M NOT SURE THIS WILL MAKE UP FOR IT, BUT...
WHAT WOULD GRANNY SAY?
IT'S THE SAME STAIRWAY AS ALWAYS...
COME ON. STAY CLOSE TO ME.
...BUT MY FEET ARE GETTING HEAVIER WITH EACH STEP.
...I'LL FETCH WOOD AND WATER...
NO MORE FACING THE BULLIES, AND I CAN LIVE WITH GRANNY AGAIN.
YEAH, NOT BAD!
DO TONS OF CHORES FOR HER!
I BET SHE'D BE DISAPPOINTED.
ONLY ONE THING IS WAITING FOR ME IN THE ROOM UP THERE.
AH..
OH, OKAY...
BUT...

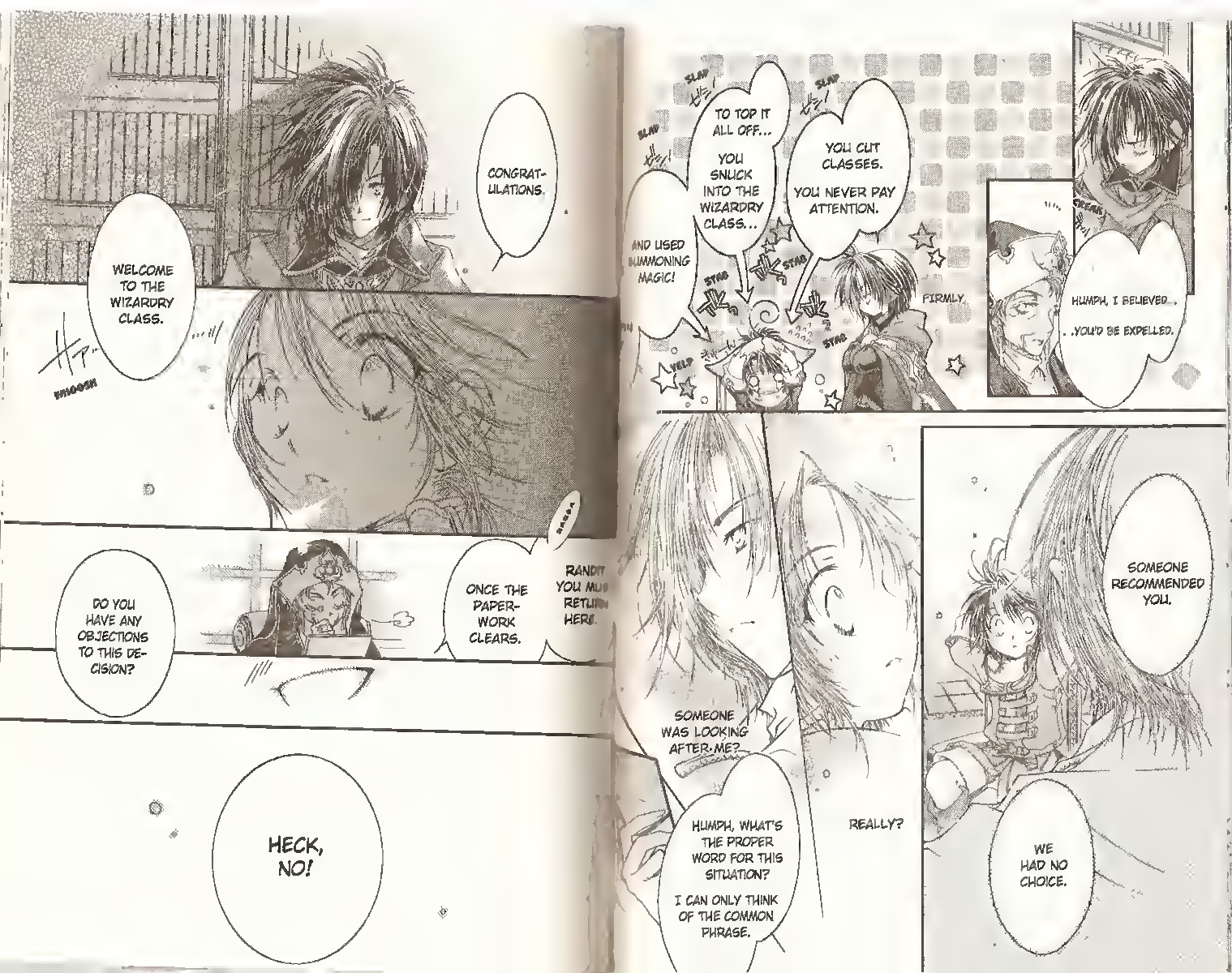
WHAT DO I REALLY WANT TO DO?
I ACTUALLY...
GASP
P-PROF—
WE'RE HERE.
K-KNOCK
I HAVE BROUGHT LEWIN RANDIT.
COME IN.
CREAK
CREAK
OH.
WHY DO I THINK OF MY FRIENDS WITH EACH STEP THAT I TAKE?
SIGH
WHY DO I FEEL SO DOWN?


IT IS OUR JOB!
HUMPH
ARROGANT!
WH-WHAT...?
CHRIS?
LET'S GO, SOELA!
IF THEY WON'T LET US THROUGH, THEN WE'LL FORCE OUR WAY!
I'LL FIND AN OPEN WINDOW IN THE BACK TO JUMP IN!
WHERE ARE WE GOING? ARE YOU GIVING UP?
NO WAY!
I THINK I CAN GET UP THERE WITH THE SYLPH'S HELP!
!

CLANG
CLANG
NO!
YOU MAY NOT ENTER!
HUFF HUFF
!!
HEART OF WING IS A RESTRICTED AREA. ONLY INDIVIDUALS ACCOMPANIED BY A PROFESSOR OR WITH AUTHORIZATION ARE ALLOWED.
NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.
OH, NO!
WE NEED TO GO IN THERE!
OKAY.

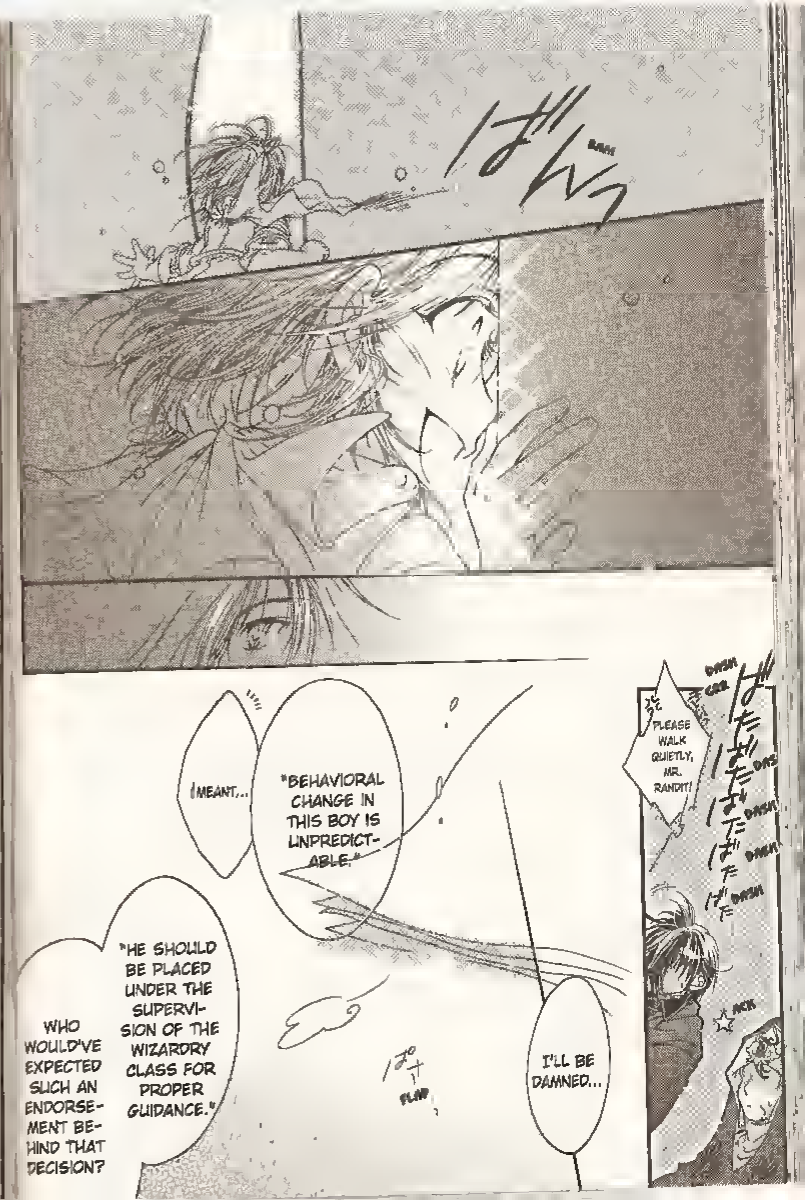

ONE WRONG MOVE AND YOU COULD HAVE BLOWN UP BUILDINGS OR INJURED OTHER STUDENTS.
POUT
POUT
WORST OF ALL, YOU SUMMONED A SACRED SPIRIT WITHOUT PERMISSION--OR PUT BARRIER--REGARDLESS THE EMERGENCY
I'M MORE IMPRESSED THAN DISGUSTED.
CLING
STILL
I MUST GIVE YOU CREDIT FOR BREAKING ALL THESE RULES.
BUT A RULE IS A RULE.
QUITE AN OFFENDER ISN'T HE?
LEWIN RANDIT, YOU ARE NOW EXPELLED FROM THIS SCHOOL.
YES. Ho ho ho!
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
WHAT IF A DOLL SEES US AND TELLS A PROFESSOR?
WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL WE TRY.
BESIDES, I CAN'T BE AFRAID OF THE PROFESSORS.
I'VE DECIDED I WON'T RUN AWAY ANYMORE.
LEWIN!
ROGER!
CAN YOU HELP US FIND AN OPEN WINDOW, WOTIS?
OKAY!
WOTIS CAN PASS THROUGH THE CRACK AND OPEN IT!
THOSE ARE THE VIOLATIONS YOU MADE.
I WON'T LET THEM EXPEL LEWIN!


EXPELLED...
RANDIT...
... IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO SAY?
WHEN I ACTUALLY HEARD ABOUT IT, IT HIT ME LIKE A TON OF BRICKS.
I WAS SOMEWHAT MENTALLY PREPARED FOR THIS.
NO, IT'S OKAY.
YOU'RE RIGHT... ABOUT EVERY-THING.
BUT...
I...DID ALL OF THAT...
WHY NOT? IT IS MY LAST DAY!
FLIP
SERIOUS
Oh.
YOU'RE UNUSUALLY HONEST TODAY.
How creepy.
ONE OF THE PROFESSORS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED YOUR TRANSFER AT A COUNCIL MEETING.
AS A RESULT...
WE DECIDED TO GRANT YOU A PLACE IN THE FIRST YEAR WIZARDRY CLASS.
IN OTHER WORDS, WE HAD MADE THIS DECISION FIRST.
FLIP
?
?
LAST DAY?
I REPEAT, RANDIT...
YOU HAVE BEEN EX-PELLED.
BUT, FIRST...
PFFT!
ALLOW ME TO FINISH WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.

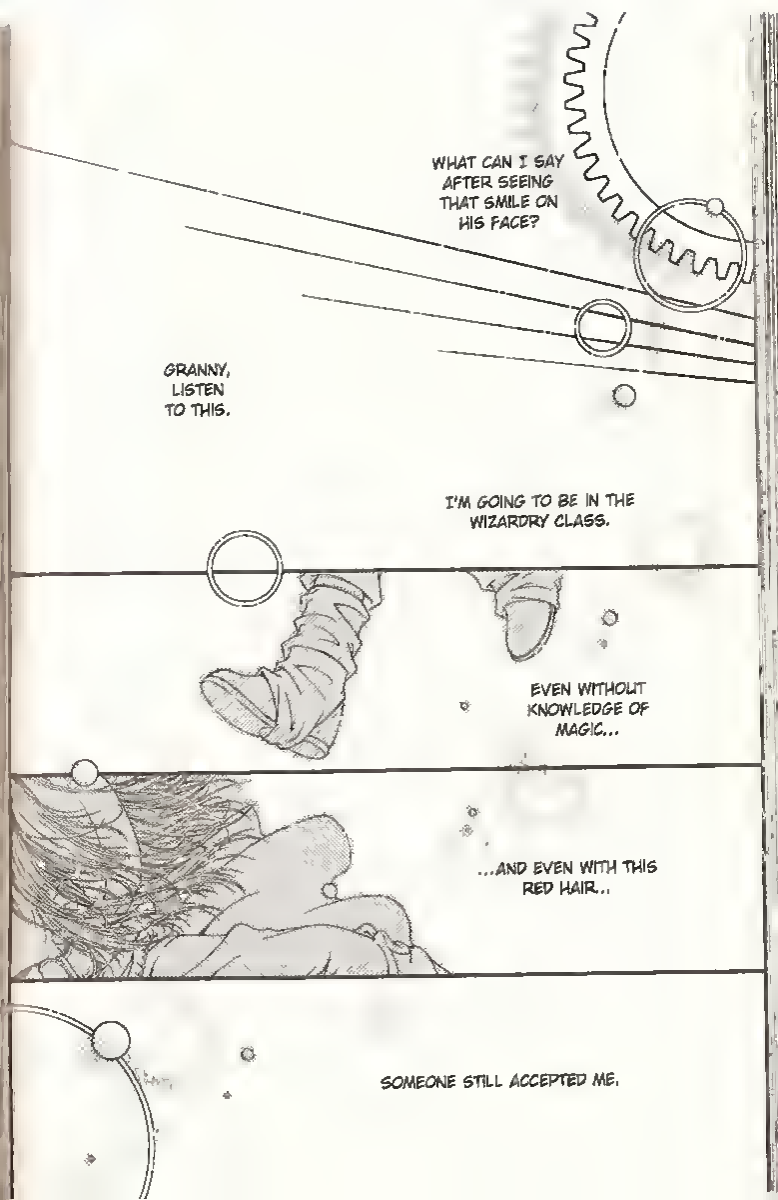

WELCOME TO THE WIZARDRY CLASS.
WHOOSH
CONGRATULATIONS.
DO YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THIS DECISION?
ONCE THE PAPERWORK CLEARS.
RANDY! YOU MUST RETURN HERE.
SIGH
HECK, NO!
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
TO TOP IT ALL OFF...
YOU SNUCK INTO THE WIZARDRY CLASS...
AND USED SUMMONING MAGIC!
YOU CUT CLASSES.
YOU NEVER PAY ATTENTION.
FIRMLY
STAR
STAR
STAR
YELP
GRAB
HUMPH, I BELIEVED...
...YOU'D BE EXPELLED.
SOMEONE RECOMMENDED YOU.
WE HAD NO CHOICE.
SOMEONE WAS LOOKING AFTER ME?
REALLY?
HUMPH, WHAT'S THE PROPER WORD FOR THIS SITUATION?
I CAN ONLY THINK OF THE COMMON PHRASE.

BLINK
!
I HATE TO INTERRUPT YOU, BUT WE HAVEN'T FINISHED OUR DISCUSSION.
PAT
PAT
THEN, I'M GOING!
IS THAT ALL YOU WANTED TO ASK?
OH, AND YOU CAN CALL ME IN ANYTIME!
OH, I'M SORRY OLD PROFESSOR!
NATURAL
TWP
O-OLD?!
I HAVE NO OBJECTION AT ALL!
TO WHERE?
NO RUNNING IN THE HALL.
LET'S SEE.
HOP
YAH!
ALL RIGHT!
I DID IT!
EAH!!
HEY—
YAH
YAH
SHOOK
C-COME ON...
RANDIT?!

IT WAS WHAT HE HAD ALWAYS WISHED FOR.
THERE'S NO REASON TO KEEP HIM IN THE SWORDS-MANSHIP CLASS.
OH...
YOU COULD HAVE KEPT HIM CLOSE BY AND TRAINED HIM AS A SWORDS-MAN.
HE MIGHT HAVE BECOME JUST AS TALENTED AS OR EVEN BETTER THAN YOU.
THAT'S ALL RIGHT.
THAT TROUBLE-MAKER NEVER PAID ATTENTION IN MY CLASS, ANYWAY.
I HAVE LESS OF A BURDEN ON MY SHOULDERS NOW.
BESIDES..


I MEANT...
"BEHAVIORAL CHANGE IN THIS BOY IS UNPREDICT-ABLE."
"HE SHOULD BE PLACED UNDER THE SUPERVI-SION OF THE WIZARDRY CLASS FOR PROPER GUIDANCE."
WHO WOULD'VE EXPECTED SUCH AN ENDORSE-MENT BE-HIND THAT DECISION?
I'LL BE DAMNED...
FLIP
"PLEASE WALK QUIETLY, MR. RANDY!!"
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH
KICK

I CAN BELIEVE THIS IS TRUE, RIGHT?
HMMM, ALL THE WINDOWS ARE CLOSED..
NOW WHAT? I WISH SOMEONE WOULD OPEN IT FOR US
WANDER
WANDER
WANDER
CASH
LOOK, CHRIS!
!
RATTLE
I WON'T HESITATE THIS TIME.
AH, I KNEW IT!
I'M GOING TO OPEN THE DOOR TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES.
ひぃ!?
POP
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING THERE?
L-LEWIN?!


WHAT CAN I SAY AFTER SEEING THAT SMILE ON HIS FACE?
GRANNY, LISTEN TO THIS.
I'M GOING TO BE IN THE WIZARDRY CLASS.
EVEN WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF MAGIC...
...AND EVEN WITH THIS RED HAIR..
SOMEONE STILL ACCEPTED ME.

...THIS IS EVERYTHING I WISHED FOR!

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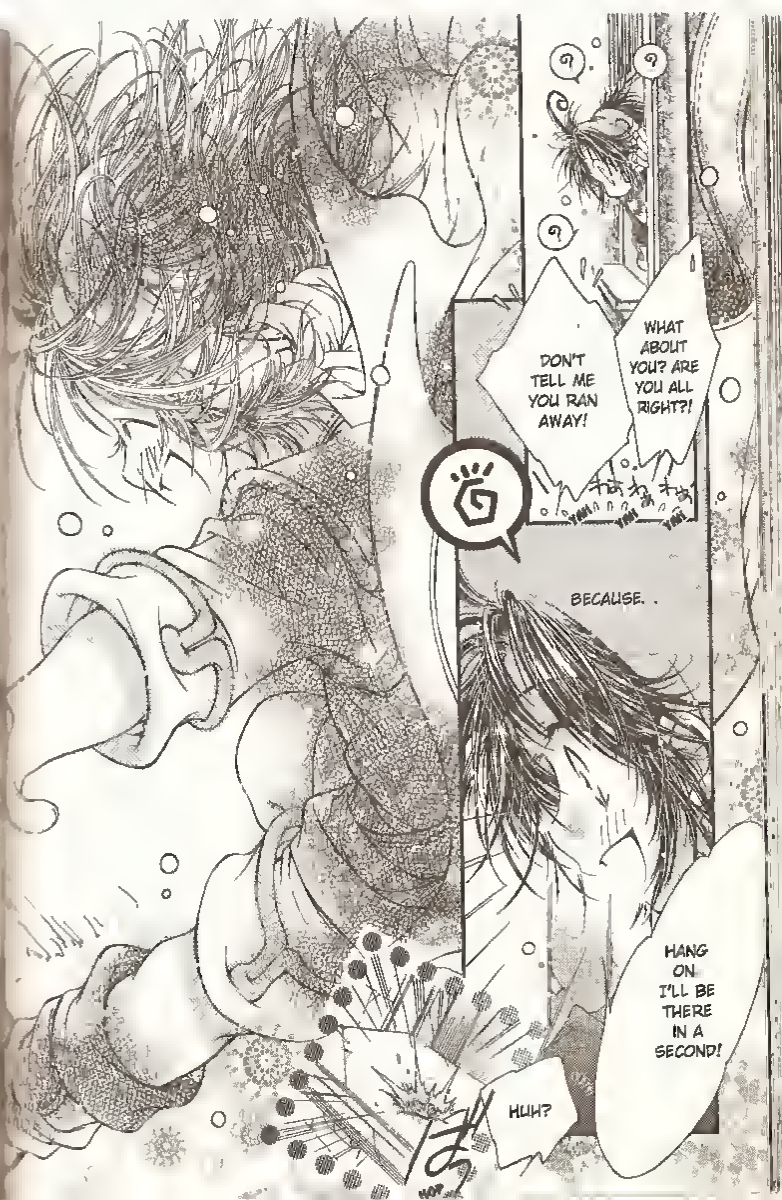
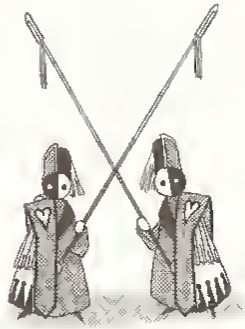
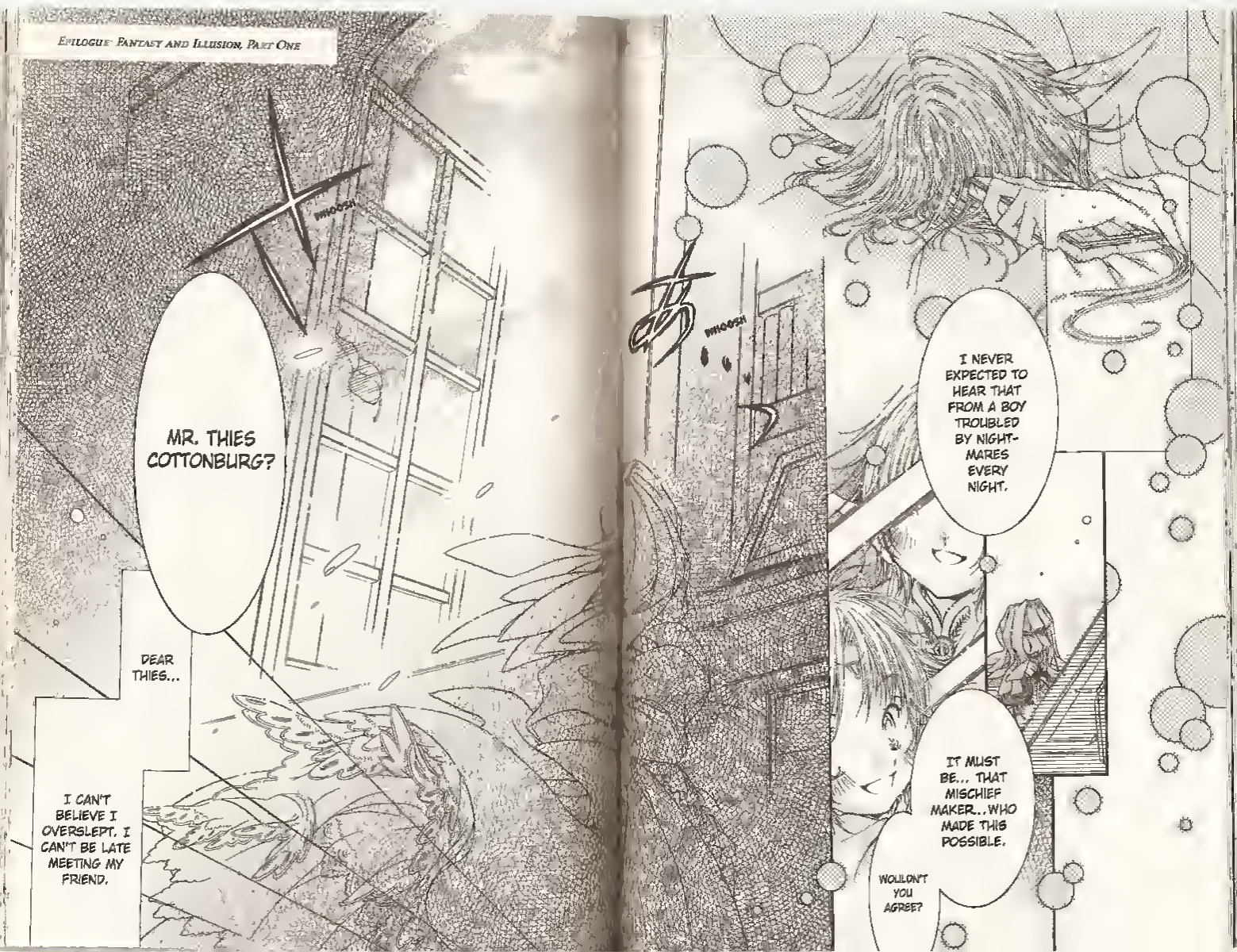
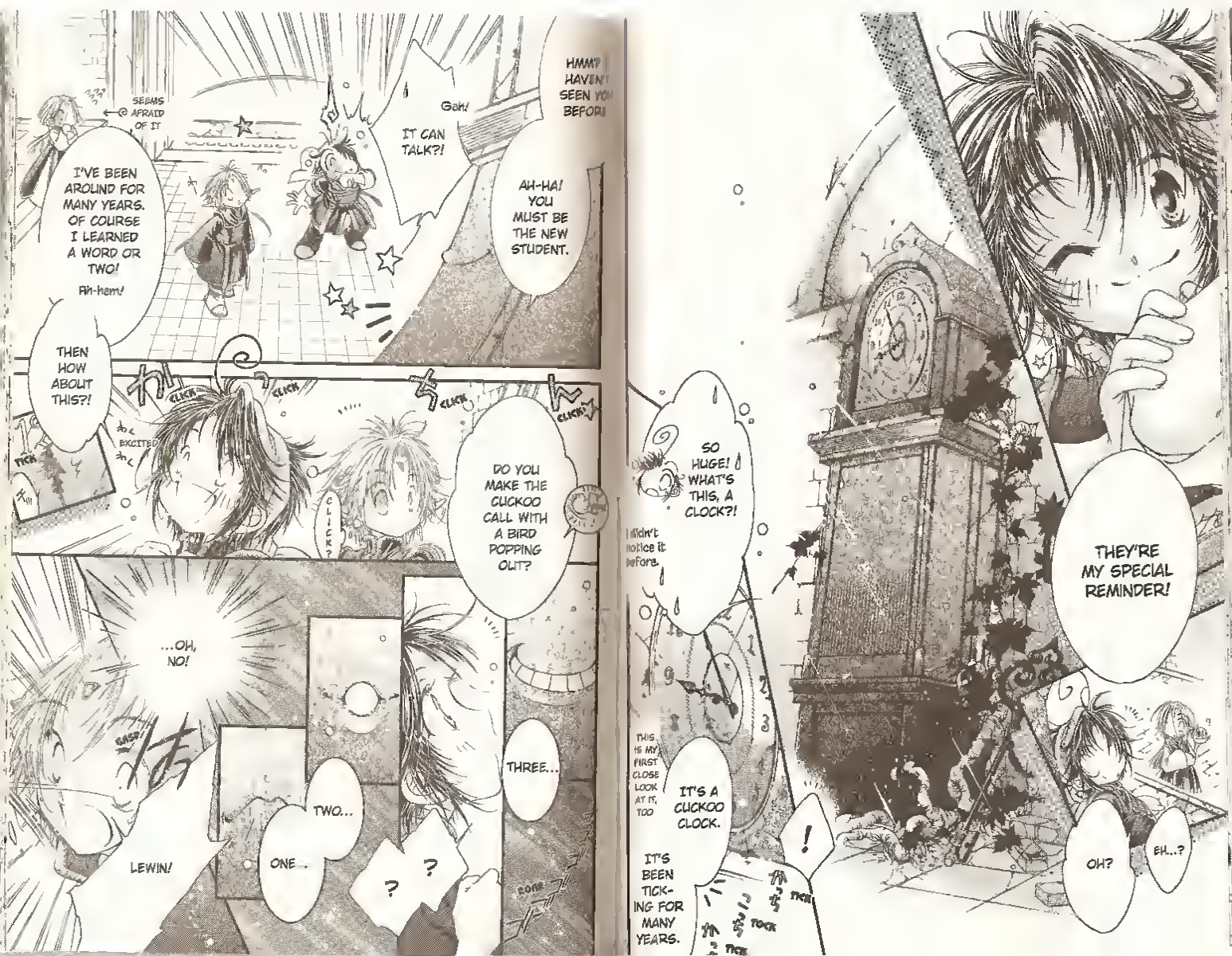


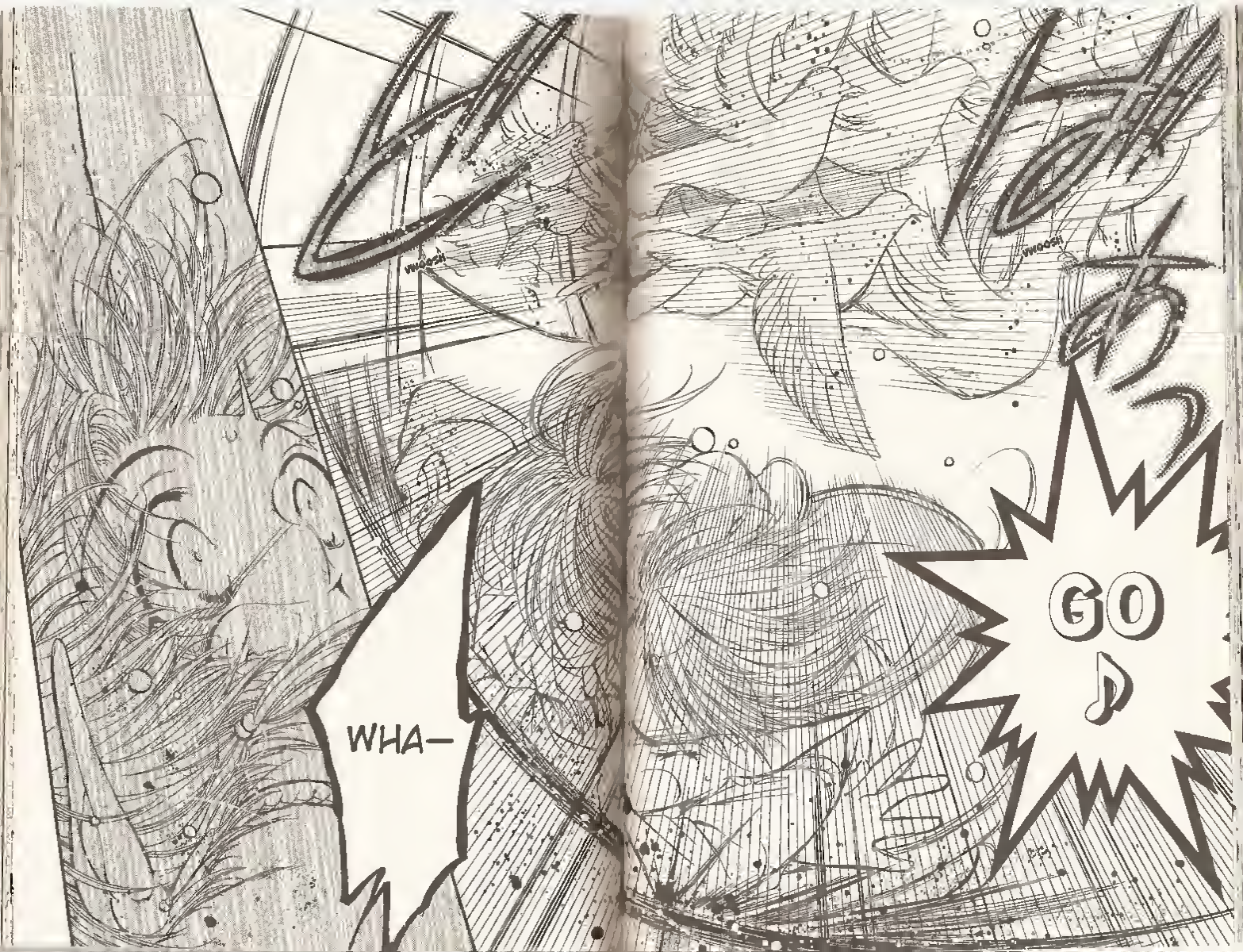
IT'S THAT TIME AL-READY?!
HUH?
WHAT?!
NO WAY!
DASH
DASH
IT'S UN-USUAL FOR YOU TO OVERSLEEP.
PFFT, PFFT.
I SEE.
I DON'T HAVE ANY CLASSES SO I DON'T NEED MY BAG, SALLI!
OH, WAIT!
WELL... I'VE BEEN SLEEP-ING WELL LATELY.
SNIP
MAID
GOTTA RUN! BYE, THIES! BYE, SALLI!
YEAH, I PROMISED I'D SHOW MY FRIEND AROUND THE WIZARDRY CLASS TODAY.

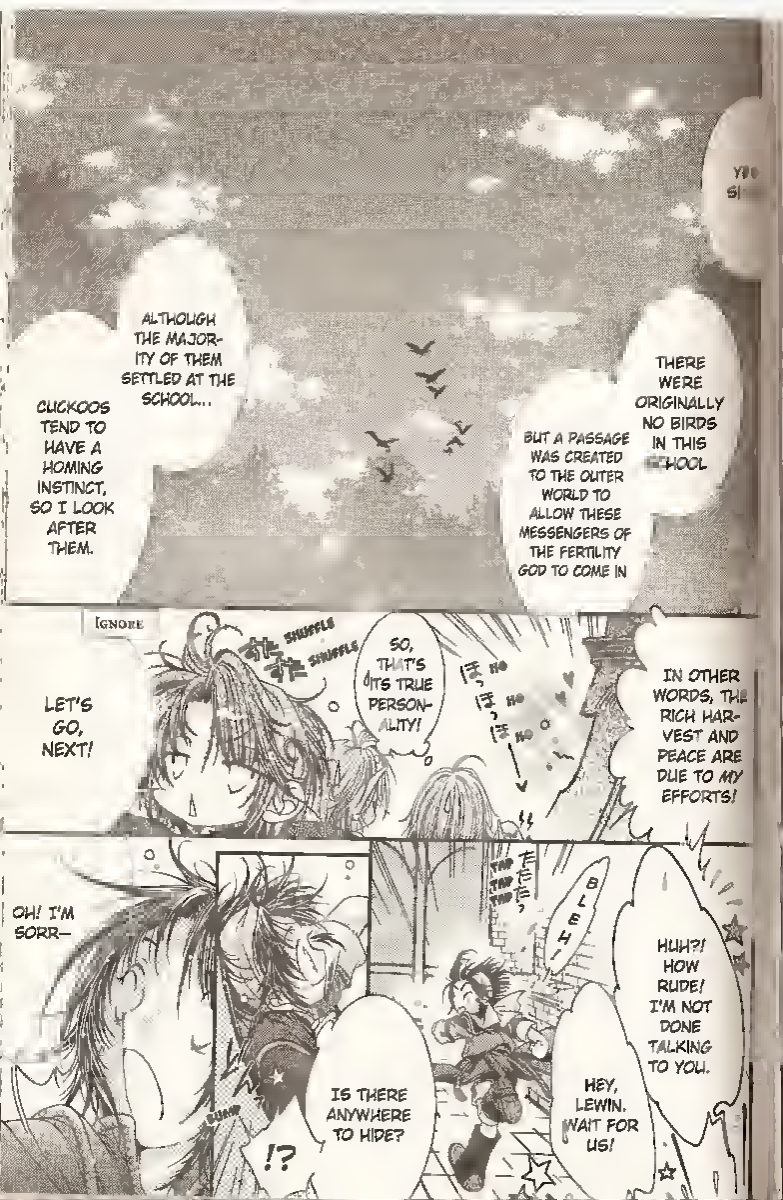



WHOOSH
MR. THIES COTTONBURG?
DEAR THIES...
I CAN'T BELIEVE I OVERSLEPT. I CAN'T BE LATE MEETING MY FRIEND.
WHOOSH
I NEVER EXPECTED TO HEAR THAT FROM A BOY TROUBLED BY NIGHT-MARES EVERY NIGHT.
IT MUST BE... THAT MISCHIEF MAKER...WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE.
WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?

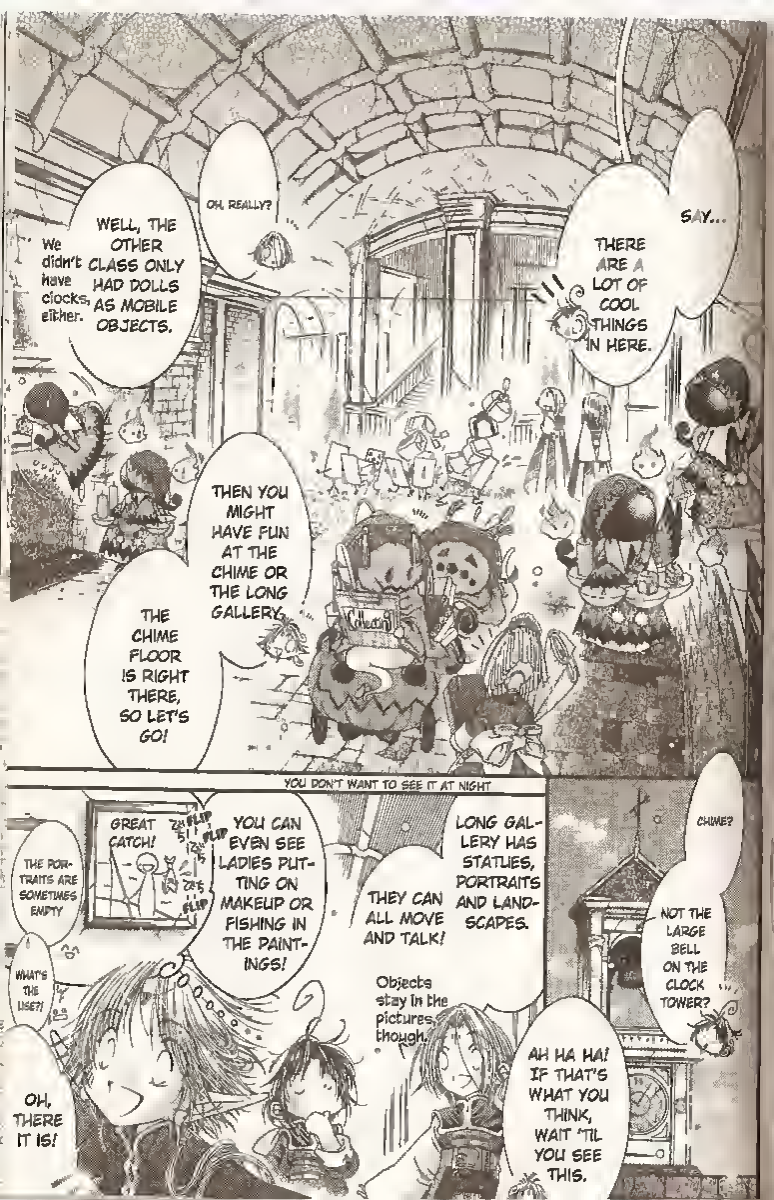
WE JUST GOT HERE!
BAM
Hey!
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE?!
GRIN
GRIN
GRIN
GRIN
Oh
THAT FRIEND IS LEWIN.
THIS IS THE SPECIAL DAY WHEN HE'LL GET HIS NEW UNIFORM.
HEY!
DOES THIS LOOK OKAY? I DON'T LOOK WEIRD?
How is it?
OH, YES!
YOU LOOK GORGEOUS!
IT'S PERFECT!
YOU LOOK MARVELOUS!
COTTON EGGS' SCHOOL TAILORS. THEY PRIDE THEMSELVES ON PERFECT TAILORING AND A COMFORTABLE FIT
WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT THE HEM LENGTH?
OH? I CAN CHOOSE THE LENGTH?
YES, EXCEPT FOR THE ROBE
EXCITED
REALLY?
IN THAT CASE...
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE
Ow, ow, ouch!
I-I'M SO SORRY!
NERVOUS
NERVOUS
GASP!
YOU'RE LATE! I HAD SO MUCH TROUBLE FINDING THAT PLACE!
SQUEEZE
WE WERE SUPPOSED TO GIVE HIM A TOUR AFTER OUR ERRANDS.
OH, YEAH, I KIND OF COPIED THE OLD ONES.
YOU KEPT THEM DIFFERENT LIKE YOUR OLD UNIFORM.
OH?
LEWIN...
YOUR CUFFS.
JEEZ...


SEEMS AFRAID OF IT
I'VE BEEN AROUND FOR MANY YEARS. OF COURSE I LEARNED A WORD OR TWO!
Ah-hem!
Gah!
IT CAN TALK?!
HMM? HAVEN'T SEEN YOU BEFORE!
AH-HA! YOU MUST BE THE NEW STUDENT.
THEN HOW ABOUT THIS?!
TICK
TOCK
EXCITED
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK?
DO YOU MAKE THE CUCKOO CALL WITH A BIRD POPPING OUT?
...OH, NO!
GASP
LEWIN!
ONE...
TWO...
THREE...
?
?
SOAR
SO HUGE! WHAT'S THIS, A CLOCK?!
I didn't notice it before.
THIS IS MY FIRST CLOSE LOOK AT IT, TOO
IT'S A CUCKOO CLOCK.
IT'S BEEN TICK-ING FOR MANY YEARS.
!
TICK
TOCK
TICK
THEY'RE MY SPECIAL REMINDER!
OH?
EH...?

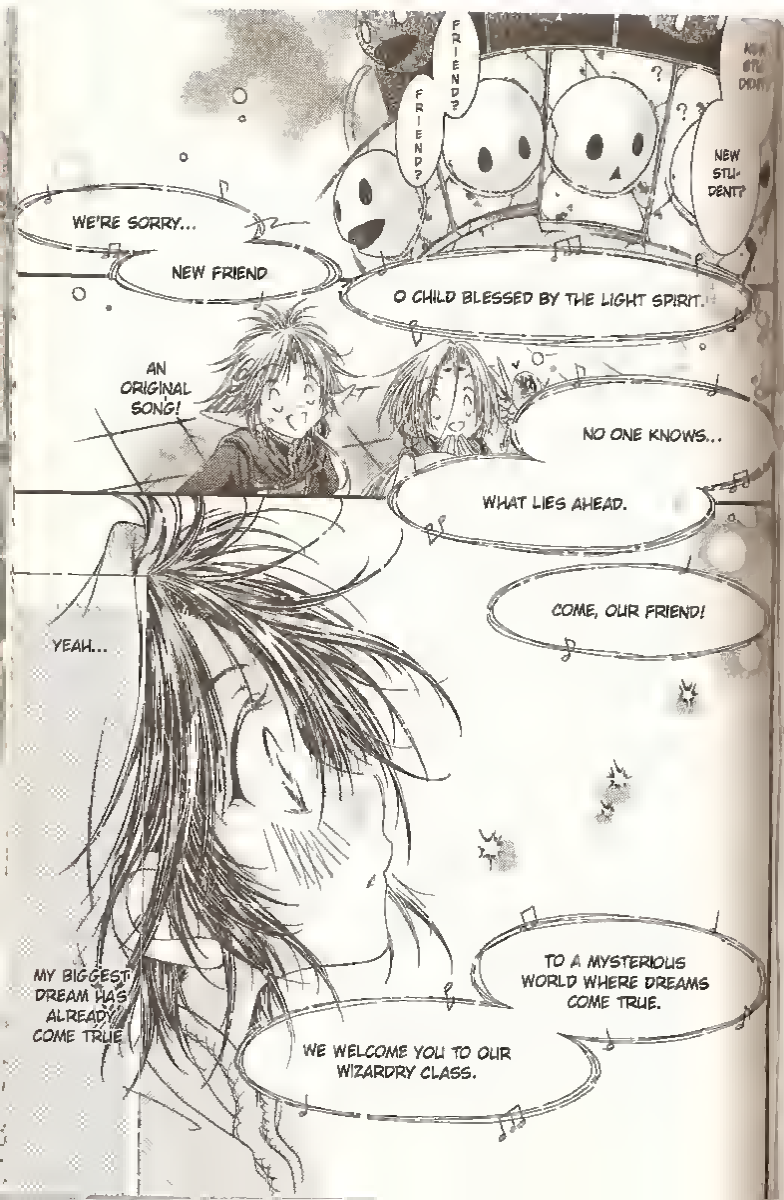

WHOOSH
WHA—
WHOOSH
GO
♪


CUCKOOS TEND TO HAVE A HOMING INSTINCT, SO I LOOK AFTER THEM.
ALTHOUGH THE MAJORITY OF THEM SETTLED AT THE SCHOOL...
BUT A PASSAGE WAS CREATED TO THE OUTER WORLD TO ALLOW THESE MESSENGERS OF THE FERTILITY GOD TO COME IN
THERE WERE ORIGINALLY NO BIRDS IN THIS SCHOOL
IGNORE
SHUFFLE SHUFFLE
SO, THAT'S ITS TRUE PERSONALITY!
NO NO NO
LET'S GO, NEXT!
IN OTHER WORDS, THE RICH HARVEST AND PEACE ARE DUE TO MY EFFORTS!
OH! I'M SORR—
!?
IS THERE ANYWHERE TO HIDE?
TIP TIP TIP
BLEH!
HUH?! HOW RUDE! I'M NOT DONE TALKING TO YOU.
HEY, LEWIN. WAIT FOR US!

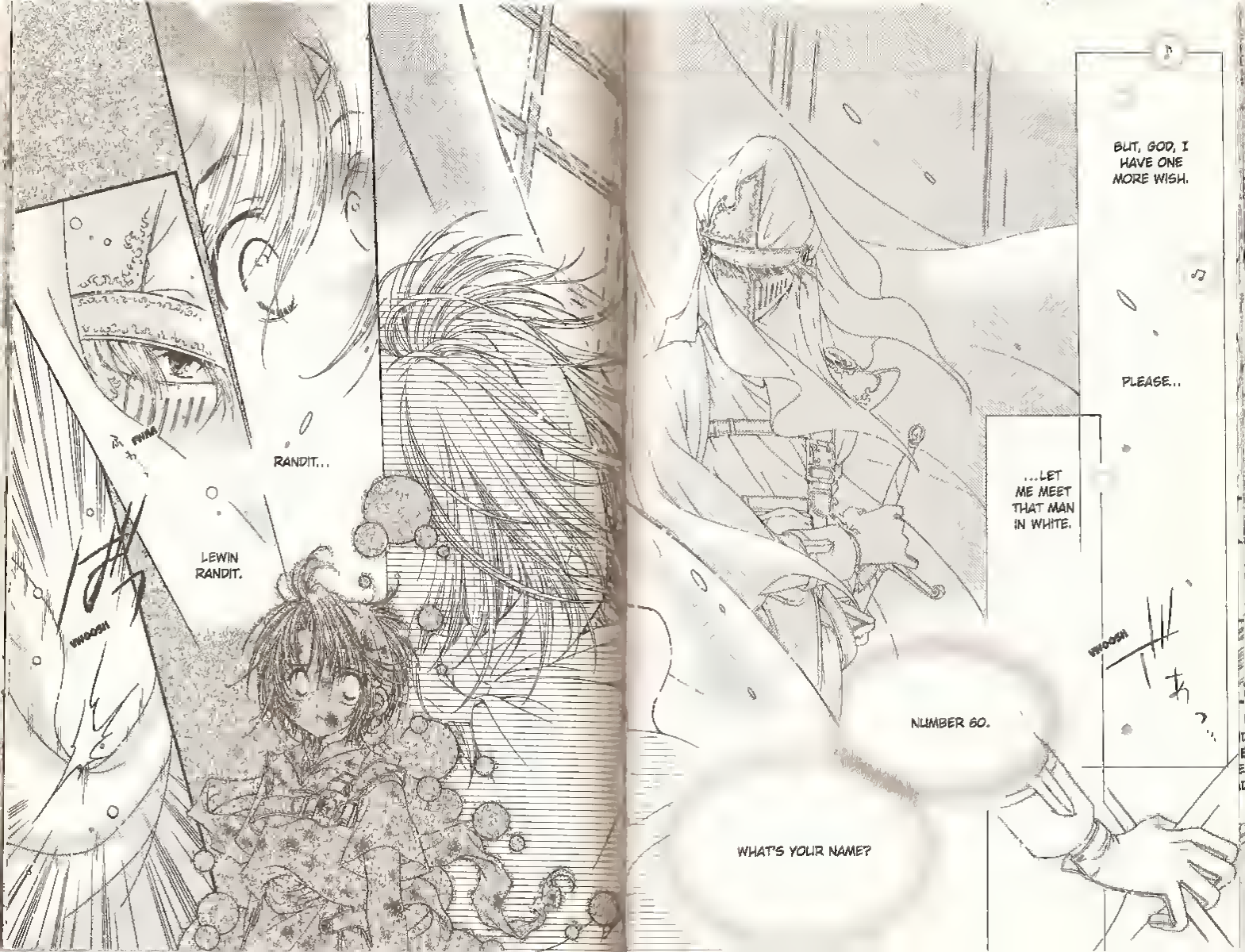
WHY ARE YOU ALL BEING SO FRIENDLY?!
Hey!
YOU WAIT RIGHT THERE!
ILLUSION
AN-AND MADAM...
BLUSH
ILLUSION
I HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT YOU.
SINCE THE PROFESSORS TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR BATTLE AT THE HILL...
TAP
I'VE BEEN ANXIOUS TO MEET YOU.
A JOB WELL DONE!
PAT
PAT
HA HA HA! I'M JUST A BUSY-BODY.
SO, YOU'RE THAT TRANSFER STUDENT, LEWIN!
HE'S THE CENTRAL STAIRWAY GUARD WHO LOOKS AFTER US.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, LEWIN. HE ISN'T THE UN-DEAD!
FLIP
NO WON-DER I SCARED THE WITS OUT OF YOU.
GYAH!!
FLAP
FLAP
C-CHRIS! SOELA! GET OUT OF HERE!
THE UNDEAD ARE HERE!!
HUM?
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
IT'S THE BARON!
TAP
TAP
HELLO, SIR!

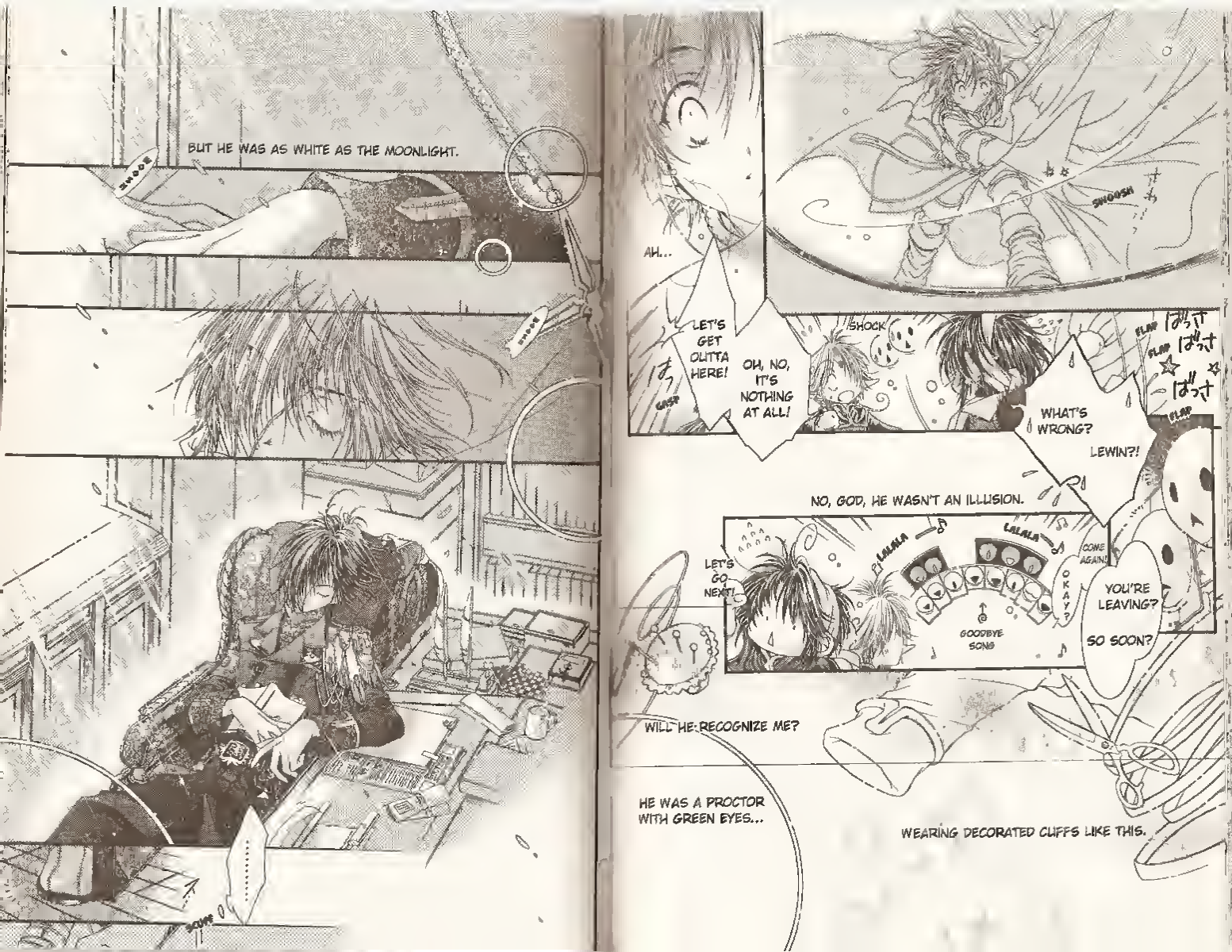

We didn't have clocks, either.
WELL, THE OTHER CLASS ONLY HAD DOLLS AS MOBILE OBJECTS.
OH, REALLY?
SAY...
THERE ARE A LOT OF COOL THINGS IN HERE.
THEN YOU MIGHT HAVE FUN AT THE CHIME OR THE LONG GALLERY.
THE CHIME FLOOR IS RIGHT THERE, SO LET'S GO!
YOU DON'T WANT TO SEE IT AT NIGHT
THE PORTRAITS ARE SOMETIMES EMPTY
GREAT CATCH!
FLIP
YOU CAN EVEN SEE LADIES PUTTING ON MAKEUP OR FISHING IN THE PAINTINGS!
LONG GALLERY HAS STATUES, PORTRAITS AND LANDSCAPES.
THEY CAN ALL MOVE AND TALK!
Objects stay in the pictures, though.
WHAT'S THE LURE?
OH, THERE IT IS!
CHIME?
NOT THE LARGE BELL ON THE CLOCK TOWER?
AH HA HA! IF THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, WAIT 'TIL YOU SEE THIS.

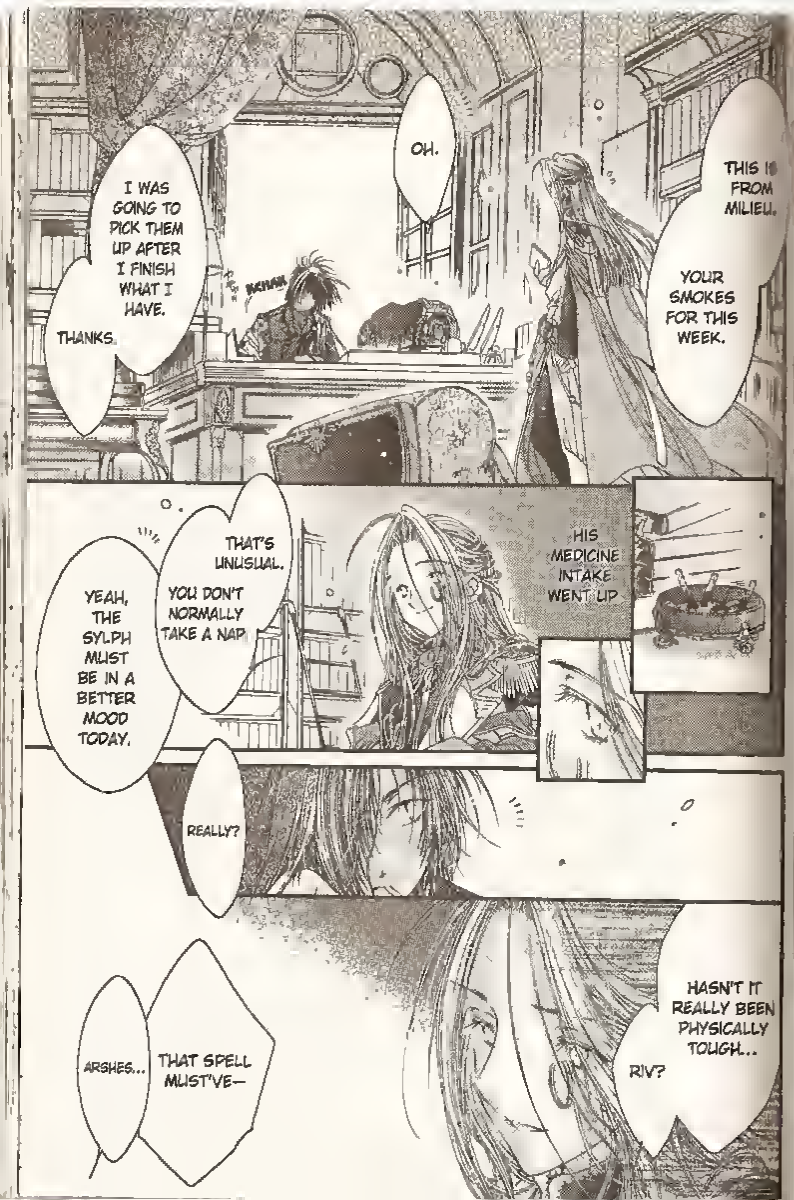
OKAY, THANKS!
LET'S GO, LEWIN, SOELA!
MISS ELL WILL BE WAXING THE FLOOR, SO I SUGGEST YOU TAKE THE OTHER STAIRWAY.
.....
BOW
?
☆ POLITE
FREEZE
!
BOING
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
LET'S MAKE THIS SPIC 'N' SPAN!
OH, MY! SIR?!
N-NO REGRETS IN MY LIFE!
SMASHED
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!


FRIEND?
FRIEND?
NEW STUDENT?
WE'RE SORRY...
NEW FRIEND
O CHILD BLESSED BY THE LIGHT SPIRIT.
AN ORIGINAL SONG!
NO ONE KNOWS...
WHAT LIES AHEAD.
COME, OUR FRIEND!
YEAH...
MY BIGGEST DREAM HAS ALREADY COME TRUE
TO A MYSTERIOUS WORLD WHERE DREAMS COME TRUE.
WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR WIZARDRY CLASS.

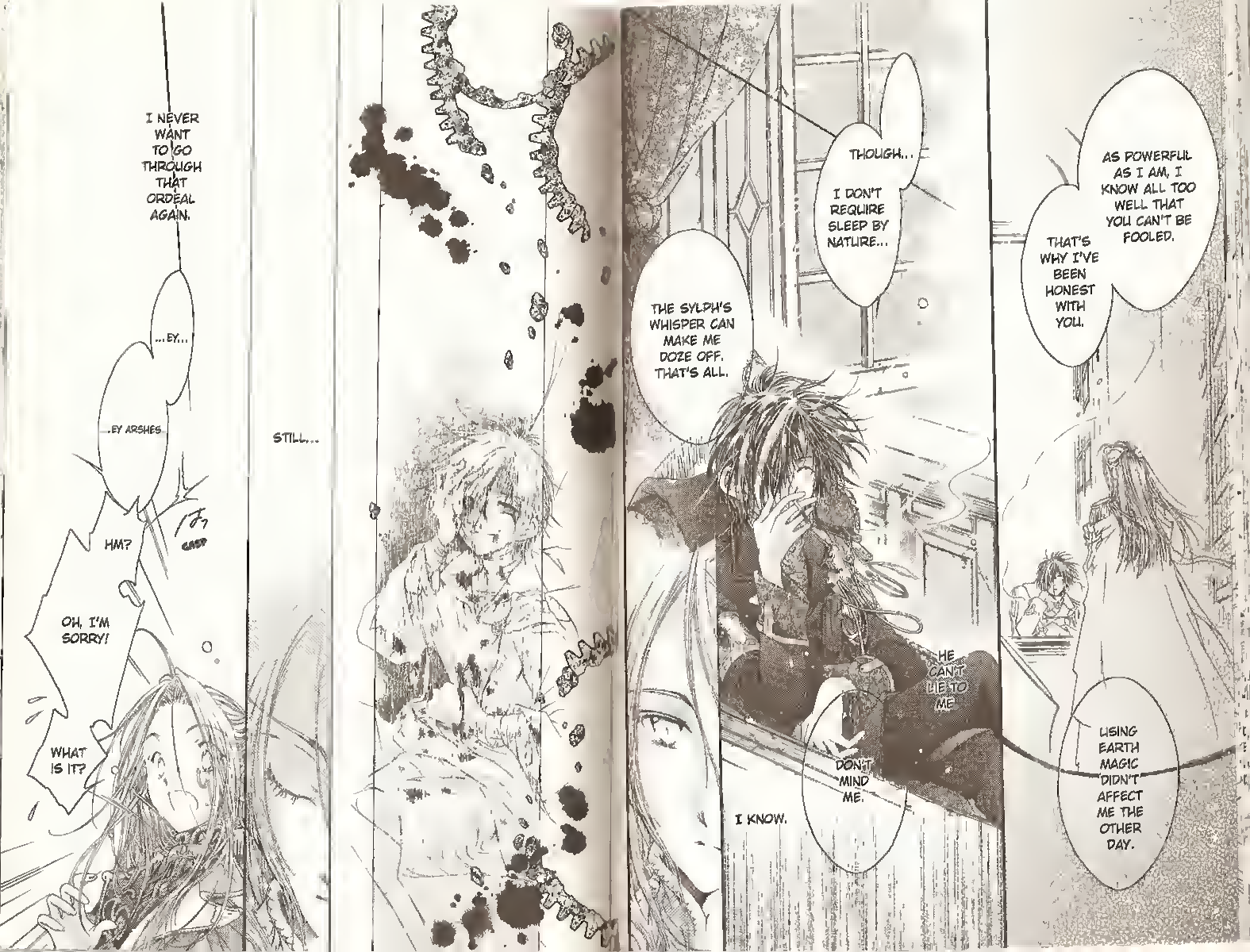
CHIME: A MOBILE PIPE ORGAN DOLL. THE CHIMES SING AS A CHORAL GROUP AT CEREMONIES, PARTICULARLY AT CHRISTMAS EVENTS
OH, WOW!
THEY'RE MORE LIKE KEYS THAN PIPES. THEY SING REAL NICE.
THE ONLY PROBLEM IS THAT IT SPEAKS IN HARMONY.
WHO'S HERE?
WHO?
NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE.
AHH, JEEZ!
WANNA SEE. DON'T PUSH!
WHO?
WHO?
WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
LOOKS UNFAMILIAR.
SHUT UP!
FLINCH
RELAX, LEWIN!
YOU, TOO, CHIME! HE'S A NEW STUDENT. GIVE HIM A BREAK!
YOU JERK!
HUMPH!
HUMPH!
Agitato
HUMPH!
WHAT THE HECK?!
WHO ARE YOU?!
HEY..
REVENGE SONG (FOUR-PART MIXED CHORUS)
SHOCK
HE GOT MAD.
HE DID.
SHOCKED


RANDIT...
LEWIN RANDIT.
WHOOSH
BUT, GOD, I HAVE ONE MORE WISH.
PLEASE...
...LET ME MEET THAT MAN IN WHITE.
WHOOSH
NUMBER 60.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?


BUT HE WAS AS WHITE AS THE MOONLIGHT.
SWOOSH
SWOOSH
SCUFF
AH...
SWOOSH
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
OH, NO, IT'S NOTHING AT ALL!
GASP
SHOCK
WHAT'S WRONG?
LEWIN?!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
NO, GOD, HE WASN'T AN ILLUSION.
LET'S GO NEXT!
LALALA
LALALA
GOODBYE SONG
OKAY?
COME AGAIN!
YOU'RE LEAVING?
SO SOON?
WILL HE RECOGNIZE ME?
HE WAS A PROCTOR WITH GREEN EYES...
WEARING DECORATED CUFFS LIKE THIS.

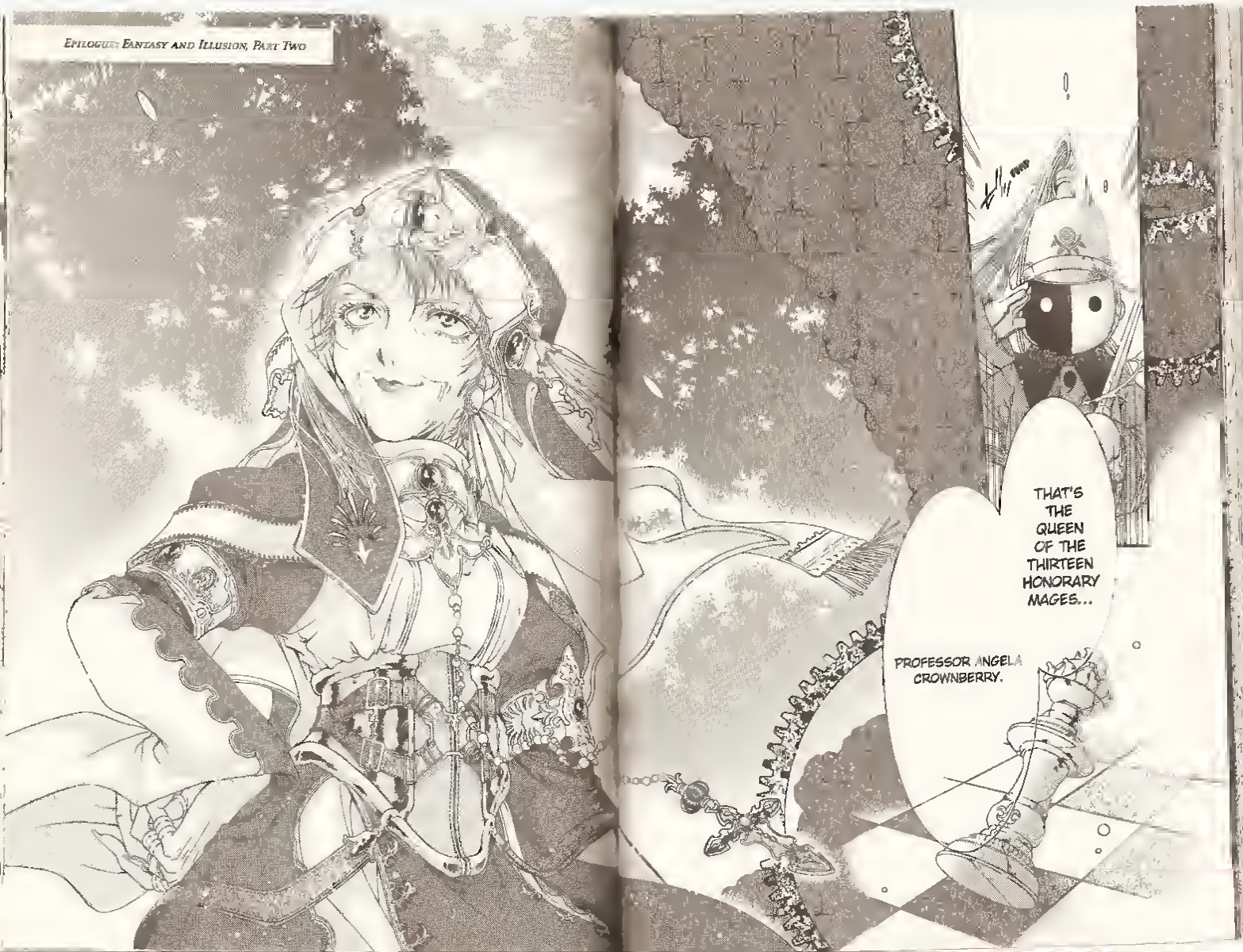

I WAS GOING TO PICK THEM UP AFTER I FINISH WHAT I HAVE.
THANKS.
OH.
THIS IS FROM MILIEU.
YOUR SMOKES FOR THIS WEEK.
HIS MEDICINE INTAKE WENT UP
THAT'S UNUSUAL.
YOU DON'T NORMALLY TAKE A NAP.
YEAH, THE SYLPH MUST BE IN A BETTER MOOD TODAY.
REALLY?
HASN'T IT REALLY BEEN PHYSICALLY TOUGH...
RIV?
ARSHES...
THAT SPELL MUST'VE—

WHOOSH
SWITCH
DING
DING
DING
DING
DING
WHEN DID YOU MAKE A SECOND THROW?!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE ASLEEP, RIV!
RISE
I WAS ASLEEP TWO MINUTES AGO.
DING


I NEVER WANT TO GO THROUGH THAT ORDEAL AGAIN.
...EY...
...EY ARSHES
HM?
GASP
OH, I'M SORRY!
WHAT IS IT?
STILL...
THOUGH...
I DON'T REQUIRE SLEEP BY NATURE...
THE SYLPH'S WHISPER CAN MAKE ME DOZE OFF. THAT'S ALL.
I KNOW.
DON'T MIND ME.
HE CAN'T LIE TO ME
AS POWERFUL AS I AM, I KNOW ALL TOO WELL THAT YOU CAN'T BE FOOLED.
THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN HONEST WITH YOU.
USING EARTH MAGIC DIDN'T AFFECT ME THE OTHER DAY.

I WAS SAYING...
WE'RE GOING TO BE BUSY SOON.
YOU MEAN THE TROUBLEMAKER?
CLACK
THAT'S AN ISSUE, TOO, BUT I'M TALKING ABOUT THE OTHER PERSON.
YOUR OBSERVATIONS AND MY SPECULATIONS...
...I'M AFRAID THEY WERE RIGHT.
WE MAY HEAR THE VERDICT TODAY.
SCUM
THE DIE HAS BEEN CAST.

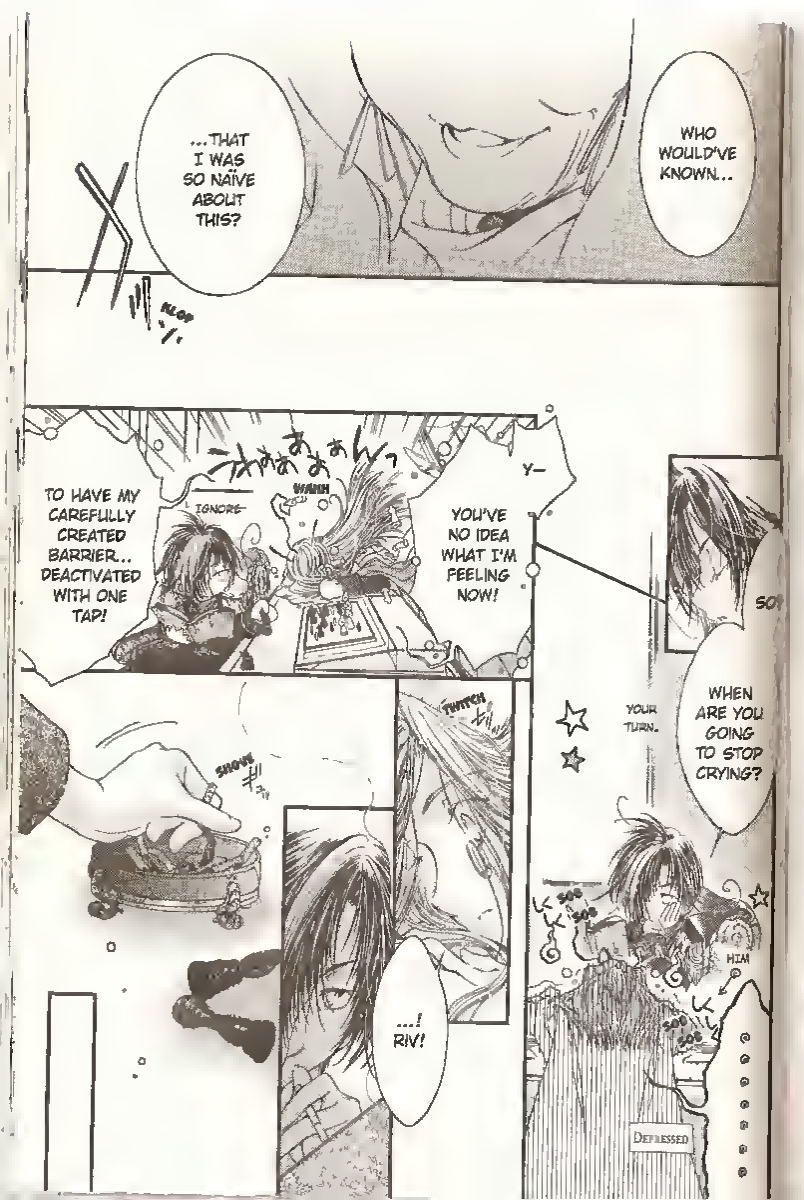
!
HUH?!
THE DIE HAS BEEN CAST.
DIDN'T I JUST SAY?
RULES AND COMMON SENSE MEAN NOTHING TO HER.
...OH, FORGET ABOUT IT.
IT SEEMS SOMEONE STEPPED ON MY BARRIER AROUND THE PREPARATION ROOM.
Oh.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
SORRY, RIV. WE'LL CHAT LATER.


!
THAT'S THE QUEEN OF THE THIRTEEN HONORARY MAGES...
PROFESSOR ANGELA CROWNBERRY.

EVEN SO...
YOU'RE UPSET WITH YOUR INABILITY TO DETECT MY INTRUSION.
I ONLY DEACTIVATED THE BARRIER AT ENTRY TO AVOID ALARMING YOU.
I'M SORRY.
NO, MADAM!
WE ARE TOO HONORED TO RECEIVE SUCH KIND WORDS!
Night Horse
Light Horse
Day Horse
JINGLE
I NEVER DOUBTED YOUR COMPETENCY AS HORSE GUARDS.
NEITHER DO THE OTHER PROFESSORS, WHICH IS WHY YOU WERE ASSIGNED TO GUARD THIS ROOM.
BESIDES, I UNDERSTAND YOU THE MOST AS YOUR PRIMARY CREATOR.
YOU'RE MY REGIMENT. HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE.
THANK YOU.
FORGIVE ME FOR SURPRISING YOU.
NO, MADAM!
WE ARE HONORED BY YOUR PRESENCE...
DID YOU FIND ANY FLAWS IN OUR SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS?
I'M JUST NOT SATISFIED UNTIL I SEE THINGS WITH MY OWN EYES
OH, NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT IT IS!
POFF
JINGLE
YOU KNOW THE UNDEAD SEEDS CAME FROM THIS PREPARATION ROOM
I WANTED TO HAVE A LOOK, IN ADDITION TO THE STAFF REPORT.
SIGH
YES, MADAM!

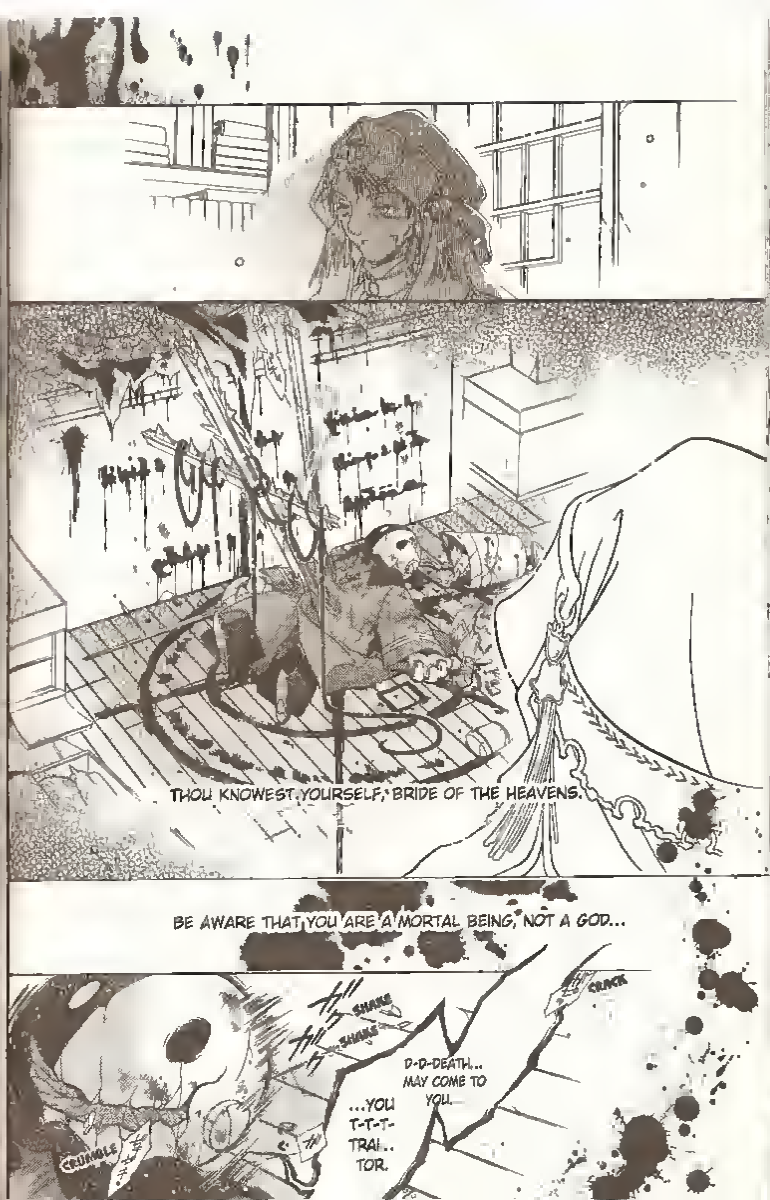
I WONDER WHEN HE'LL LET ME JUST ENJOY MY GOLDEN YEARS.
SMASH
!

NOW, MAY I ENTER THE PREMISES?
YES, MADAM! WE SHALL RELEASE THIS BARRIER.
OH, I'LL DO IT MYSELF, BUT I DON'T WANT MY PRESENCE KNOWN. CAN YOU CLEAR THE VICINITY?
YES, MADAM.
WE HAVE A GUARD WAITING INSIDE.
PLEASE ADDRESS HIM WITH YOUR QUESTIONS.
WE WILL BE WITHIN 50 METERS* AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE BARRIER. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SUMMON US.
WHOOSH
OH, MY...
NOW THIS IS A SPLENDID BARRIER HE CREATED.
A TRIPLE-LAYERED BARRIER.. IT'S ADEQUATE, BUT...
...STILL TOO EASY FOR AN ELDERLY MAGICIAN TO PENETRATE.

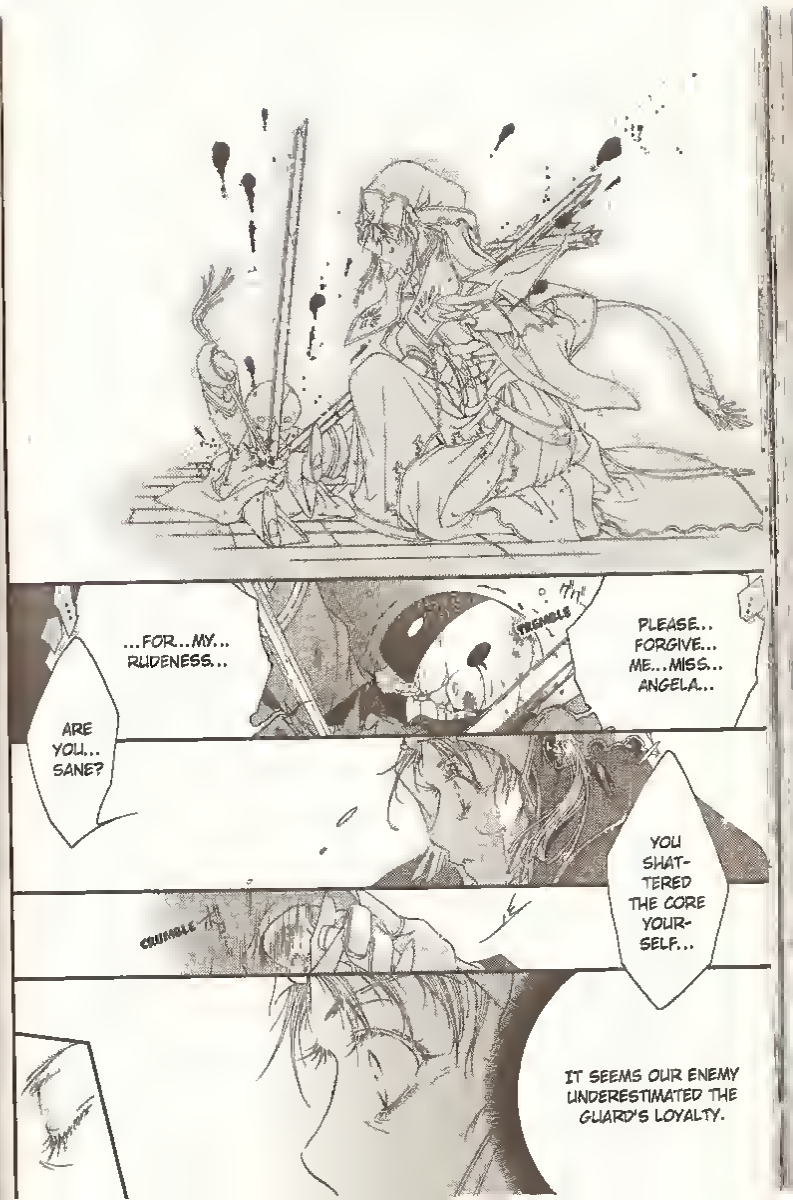

...THAT I WAS SO NAÏVE ABOUT THIS?
WHO WOULD'VE KNOWN...
KLOP
TO HAVE MY CAREFULLY CREATED BARRIER... DEACTIVATED WITH ONE TAP!
IGNORE
SHAKE
Y–
YOU'VE NO IDEA WHAT I'M FEELING NOW!
SO
YOUR TURN.
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO STOP CRYING?
TWITCH
SHOVE
...! RIV!
SOB
HIM
DEPRESSED

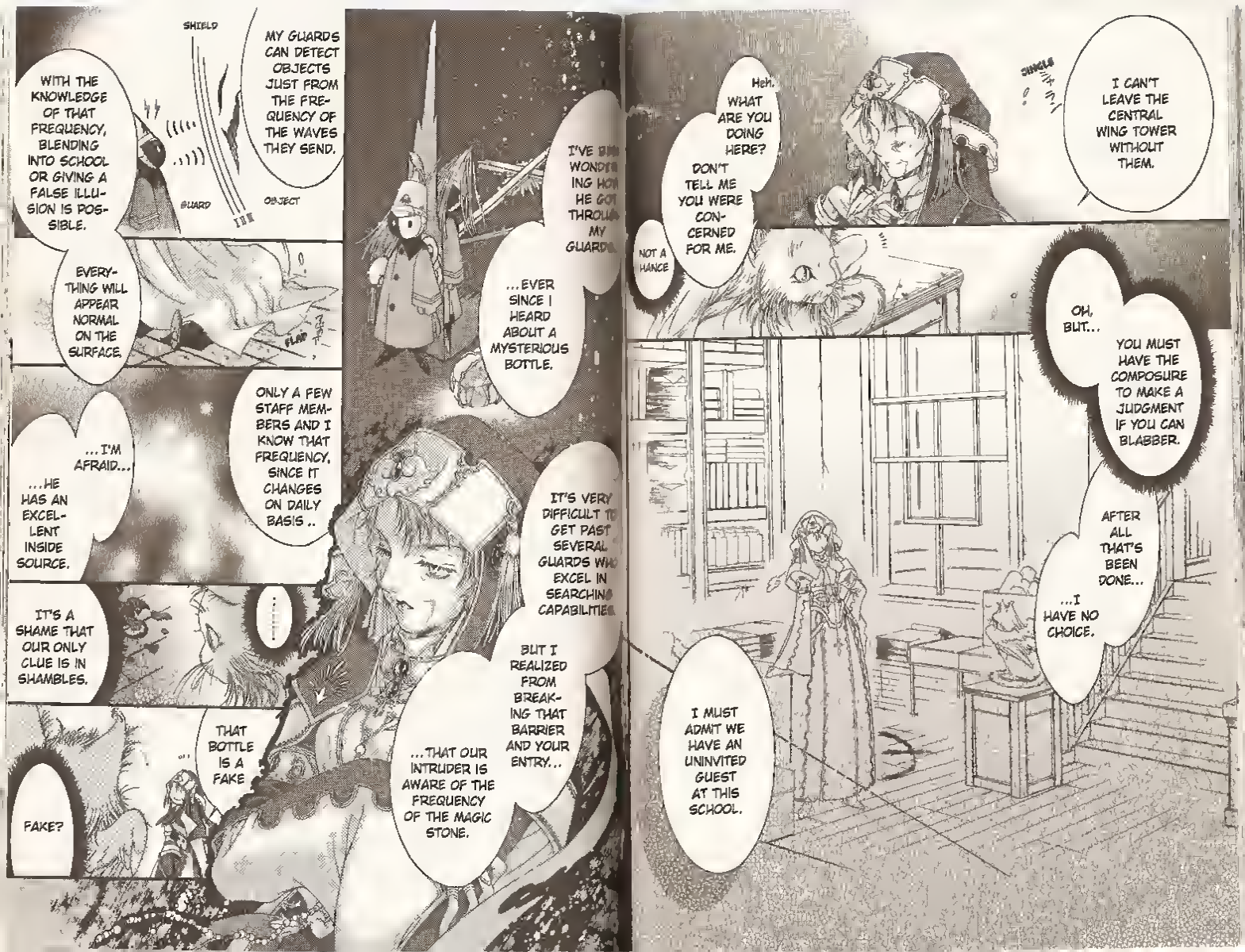
SIGH
YES...
THERE WAS NO LENIENCY WHATSOEVER.
SECURITY AND CHESFORD'S BARRIER WERE PERFECT...
FSHH

BWA HA HA!
HA!
HA HA HA HA HA
SLASH
HA
HA HA
UGH!
LIFT
BWA HA HA HA HA HA...
SLASH
CLUTCH

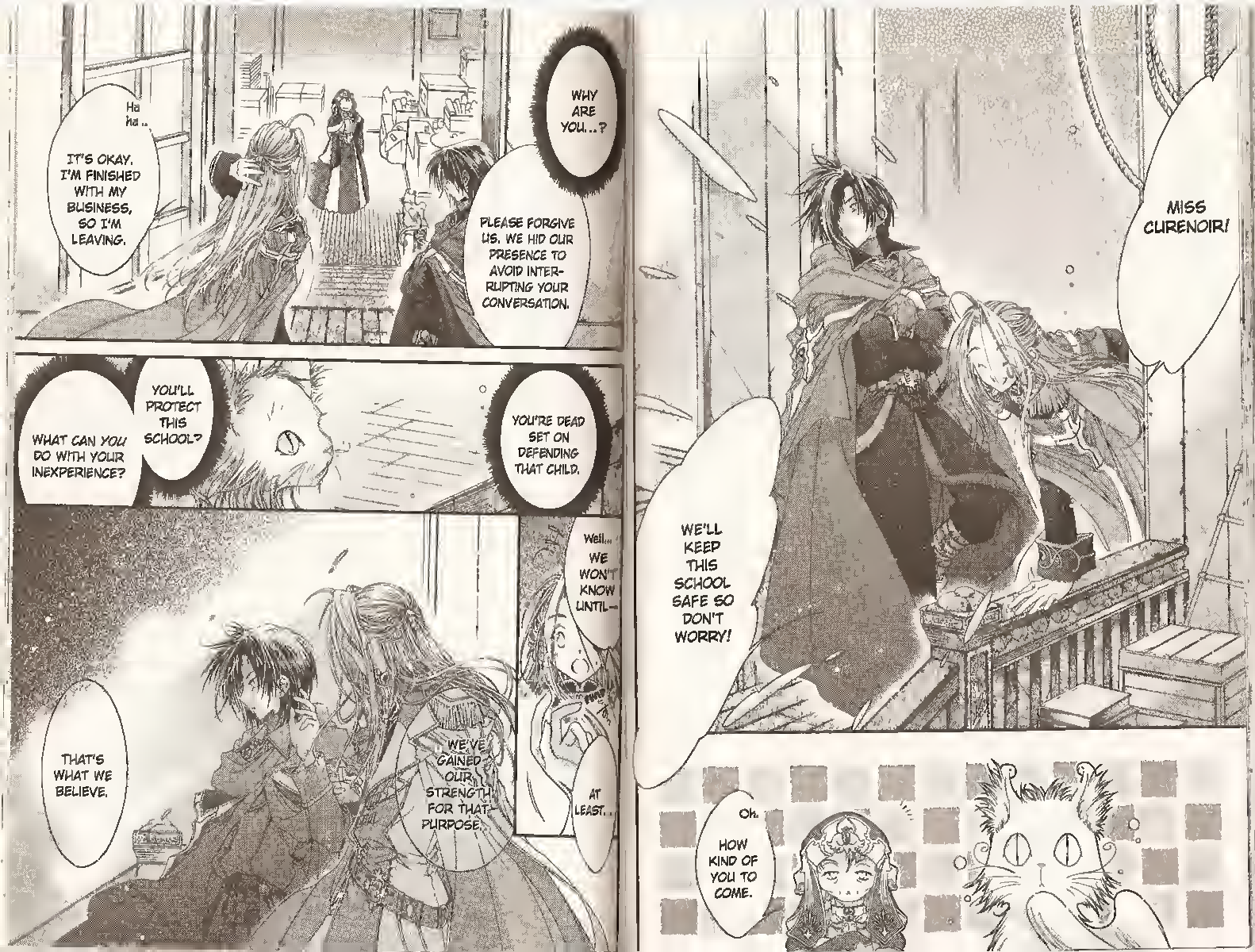

THOU KNOWEST YOURSELF, BRIDE OF THE HEAVENS.
BE AWARE THAT YOU ARE A MORTAL BEING, NOT A GOD...
SHAKE
SHAKE
CRUMBLE
...YOU T-T-T-TRAI.. TOR.
D-D-DEATH... MAY COME TO YOU...
CRACK

CHUCKLE
PFFT, I WISH I NEVER HAD TO GET OLDER.
I DIDN'T NOTICE YOU ENTER THE ROOM.
.....
ALL THOSE SEALING CHARMS CAN OBSTRUCT YOUR SENSES.

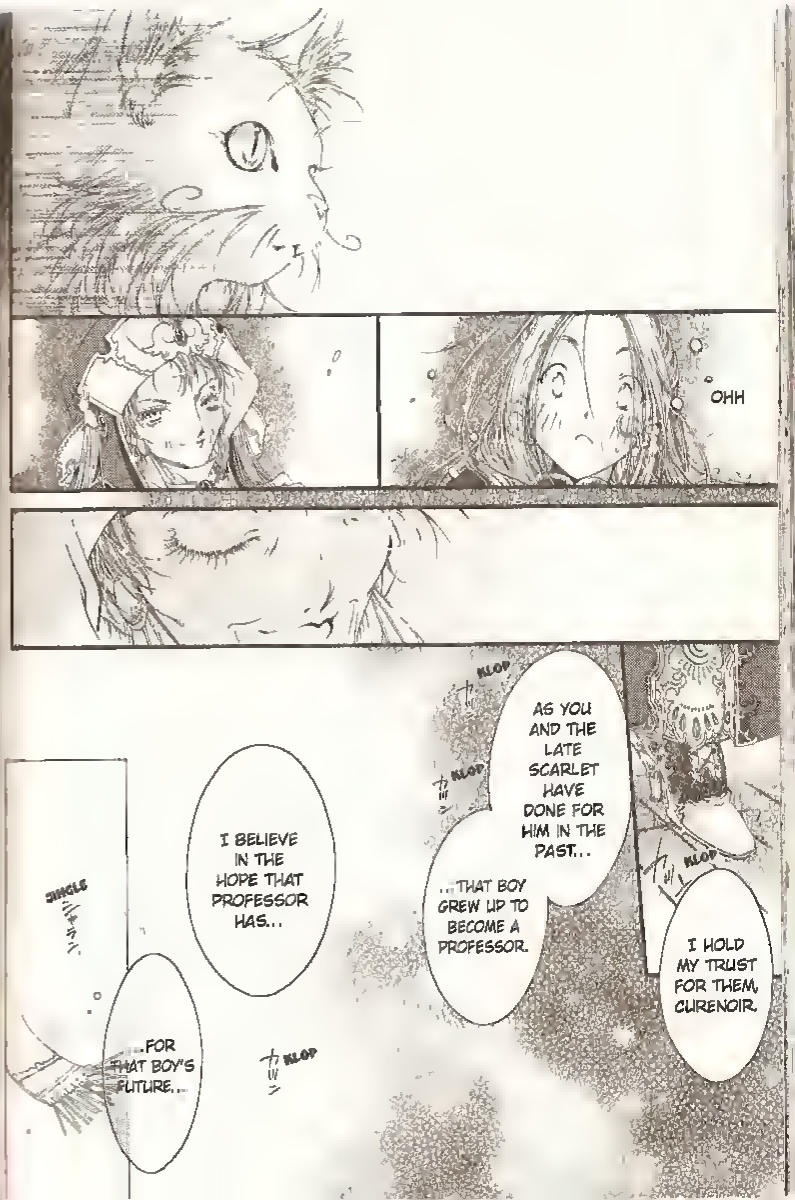

...FOR...MY... RUDENESS...
TREMBLE
PLEASE... FORGIVE... ME...MISS... ANGELA...
ARE YOU... SANE?
YOU SHAT-TERED THE CORE YOUR-SELF...
CHUCKLE
IT SEEMS OUR ENEMY UNDERESTIMATED THE GUARD'S LOYALTY.


I CAN'T LEAVE THE CENTRAL WING TOWER WITHOUT THEM.
SHIELD
MY GUARDS CAN DETECT OBJECTS JUST FROM THE FREQUENCY OF THE WAVES THEY SEND.
GUARD
OBJECT
WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THAT FREQUENCY, BLENDING INTO SCHOOL OR GIVING A FALSE ILLUSION IS POSSIBLE.
EVERYTHING WILL APPEAR NORMAL ON THE SURFACE.
FLAP
ONLY A FEW STAFF MEMBERS AND I KNOW THAT FREQUENCY, SINCE IT CHANGES ON DAILY BASIS ..
...I'M AFRAID...
...HE HAS AN EXCELLENT INSIDE SOURCE.
IT'S A SHAME THAT OUR ONLY CLUE IS IN SHAMBLES.
THAT BOTTLE IS A FAKE
FAKE?
...THAT OUR INTRUDER IS AWARE OF THE FREQUENCY OF THE MAGIC STONE.
BUT I REALIZED FROM BREAKING THAT BARRIER AND YOUR ENTRY...
IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO GET PAST SEVERAL GUARDS WHO EXCEL IN SEARCHING CAPABILITIES.
...EVER SINCE I HEARD ABOUT A MYSTERIOUS BOTTLE.
I'VE WONDERING HOW HE GOT THROUGH MY GUARDS.
SINGLE
Heh.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE CONCERNED FOR ME.
NOT A CHANCE
OH, BUT...
YOU MUST HAVE THE COMPOSURE TO MAKE A JUDGMENT IF YOU CAN BLABBER.
AFTER ALL THAT'S BEEN DONE...
...I HAVE NO CHOICE.
I MUST ADMIT WE HAVE AN UNINVITED GUEST AT THIS SCHOOL.

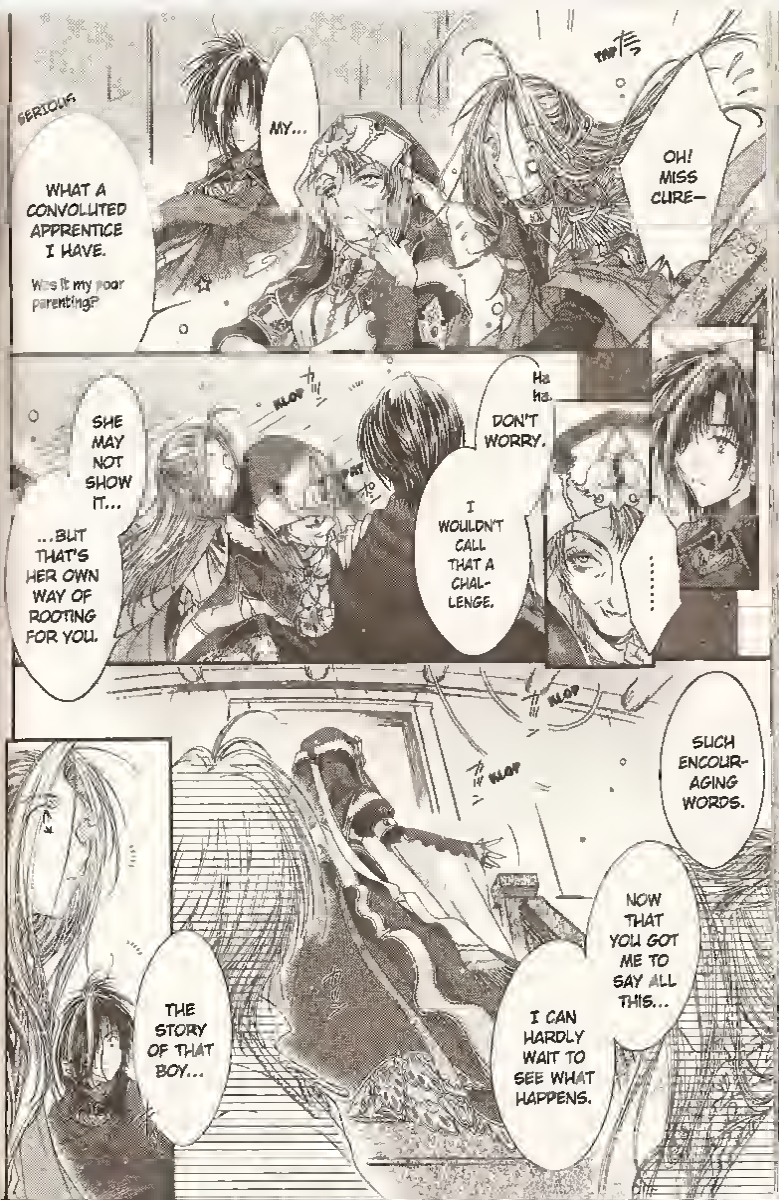
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE STILL AFRAID OF THAT BOY.
MY GOODNESS!
YOU...
NO, EVERYONE IS TOO LENIENT ABOUT THIS BOY.
IT'S FOOLISH TO WILLINGLY GIVE IN TO A POTENTIAL DISASTER.
YOU'RE AWARE OF THE GUARDIAN BEAST'S DEVASTATING FORCE.
.....
CLUNK
I'M SURE WE'LL BE FINE!
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THIS SCHOOL...
ANGELA?
YOU'RE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THIS...
A POWERLESS CHILD ENROLLED IN THIS SCHOOL...
...SNUCK INTO A ROOM, AND OPENED A BOTTLE.
NOT ONLY DID HE AWAKEN THE UNDEAD, BUT ALSO CONTROLLED THE FLARE SPIRIT.
HE'S DOING A FULL ANALYSIS FOR ME.
THE REAL ONE WAS SENT TO NAGEL, THE SUPERVISOR OF THIS ROOM, ON THE DAY OF THE INCIDENT.
YES, SO IS EVERYTHING ELSE IN THIS ROOM.
MY GUESS IS A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT WITH WEAK RESISTANCE TO MAGIC FELL INTO THAT TRAP.
THOUGH IT WAS ONLY A TRACE...
...CHARM MAGIC WAS CAREFULLY USED ON THAT BOTTLE, TOO.
WITH A MESSAGE?
RASPBERRY, HUH...
DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?
EH?
I WISH THIS UNWELCOME GUEST WOULD LEAVE PROMPTLY.
IT'S SUCH A NUISANCE, ISN'T IT?
HE REALIZED THE GUARD WAS A FAKE.
WHICH IS WHY HE BECAME OVERZEALOUS.

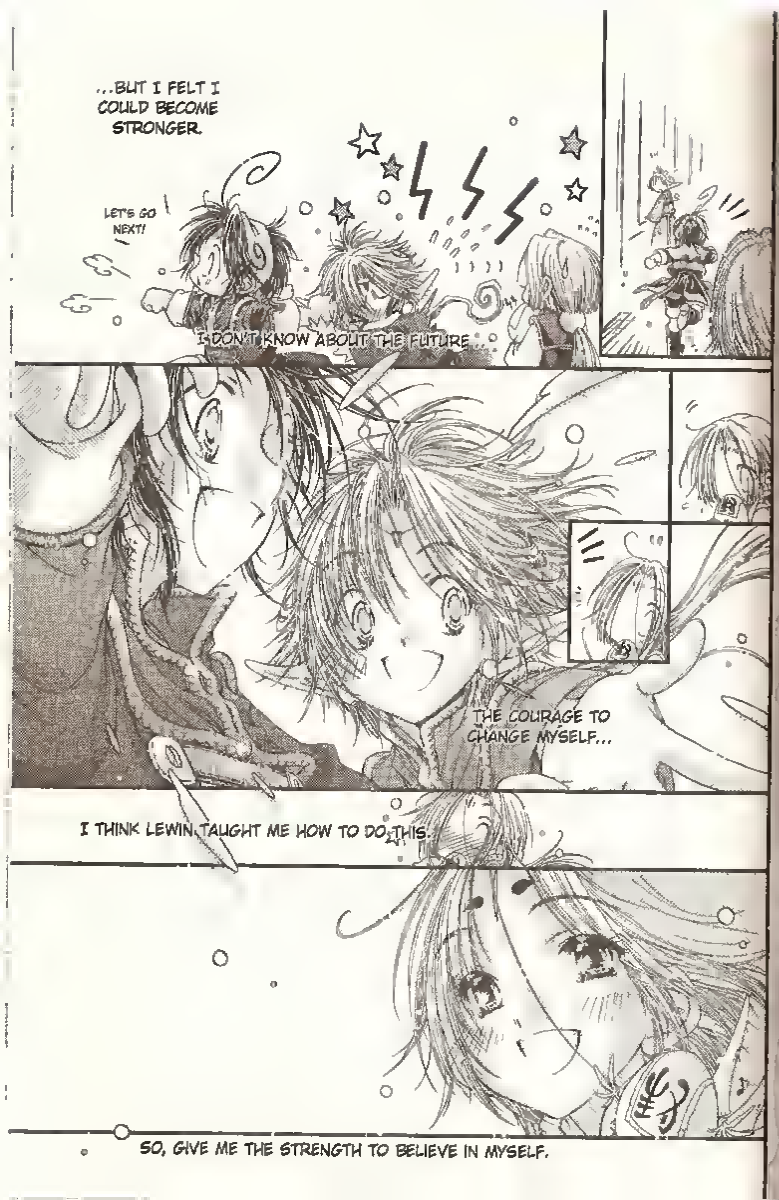

WHY ARE YOU...?
PLEASE FORGIVE US. WE HID OUR PRESENCE TO AVOID INTERRUPTING YOUR CONVERSATION.
Ha ha..
IT'S OKAY. I'M FINISHED WITH MY BUSINESS, SO I'M LEAVING.
MISS CURENOIR!
WE'LL KEEP THIS SCHOOL SAFE SO DON'T WORRY!
Oh.
HOW KIND OF YOU TO COME.
YOU'RE DEAD SET ON DEFENDING THAT CHILD.
YOU'LL PROTECT THIS SCHOOL?
WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH YOUR INEXPERIENCE?
Well... WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL—
AT LEAST...
WE'VE GAINED OUR STRENGTH FOR THAT PURPOSE.
THAT'S WHAT WE BELIEVE.

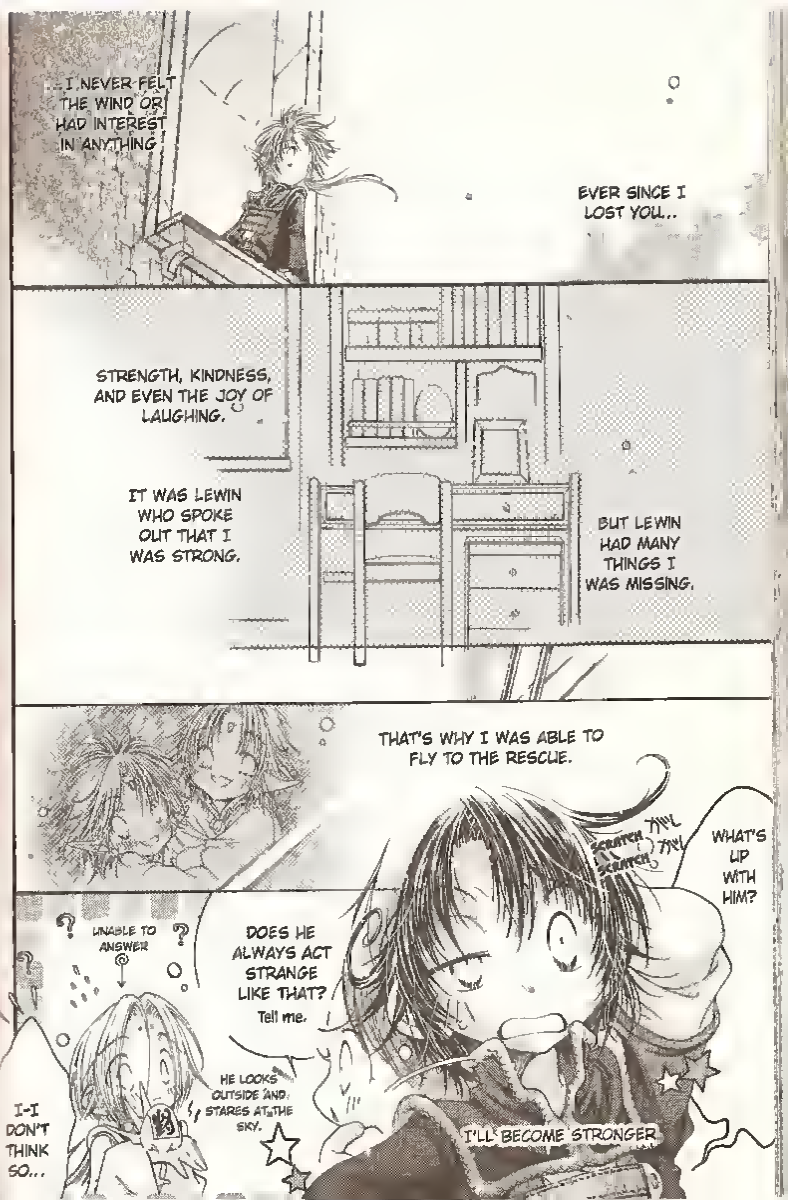
AND THAT BOY'S...
LEWIN RANDIT'S NEW SCHOOL LIFE WILL TURN INTO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL.
EVEN IF IT BECOMES TOO LATE?
ISN'T THAT WHAT THE HONORARY MAGES ARE FOR?
SWISH
LET'S SEE HOW GOOD YOU ARE.


OHH
KLOP
KLOP
KLOP
KLOP
AS YOU AND THE LATE SCARLET HAVE DONE FOR HIM IN THE PAST...
...THAT BOY GREW UP TO BECOME A PROFESSOR.
I HOLD MY TRUST FOR THEM, CURENOIR.
JINGLE
I BELIEVE IN THE HOPE THAT PROFESSOR HAS...
...FOR THAT BOY'S FUTURE...

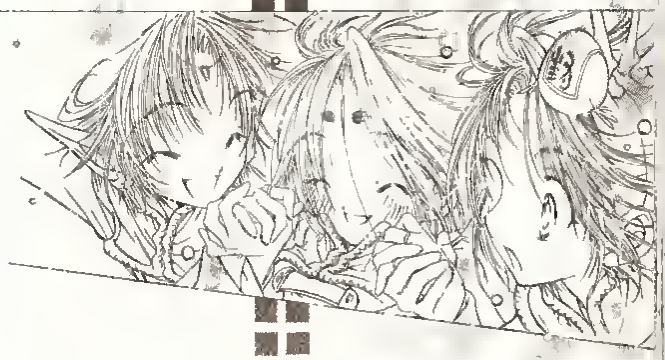
HEY, THIES.
I THOUGHT SOMEONE JUST SMILED AT ME...
DID I IMAGINE IT?
?
?
?
PUFF
PUFF
...ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN.
NO, THE STORIES SURROUNDING THAT BOY...


SERIOUS
WHAT A CONVOLUTED APPRENTICE I HAVE.
Was it my poor parenting?
MY...
OH! MISS CURE—
SHE MAY NOT SHOW IT...
...BUT THAT'S HER OWN WAY OF ROOTING FOR YOU.
KLOP
KLOP
KLOP
Ha ha.
DON'T WORRY.
I WOULDN'T CALL THAT A CHALLENGE.
.....
SUCH ENCOURAGING WORDS.
NOW THAT YOU GOT ME TO SAY ALL THIS...
I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS.
THE STORY OF THAT BOY...


...BUT I FELT I COULD BECOME STRONGER.
LET'S GO NEXT!
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE FUTURE...
THE COURAGE TO CHANGE MYSELF...
I THINK LEWIN TAUGHT ME HOW TO DO THIS.
SO, GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO BELIEVE IN MYSELF.


...I NEVER FELT THE WIND OR HAD INTEREST IN ANYTHING
EVER SINCE I LOST YOU...
STRENGTH, KINDNESS, AND EVEN THE JOY OF LAUGHING.
IT WAS LEWIN WHO SPOKE OUT THAT I WAS STRONG.
BUT LEWIN HAD MANY THINGS I WAS MISSING.
THAT'S WHY I WAS ABLE TO FLY TO THE RESCUE.
SCRATCH SCRATCH
TAP! TAP!
WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?
UNABLE TO ANSWER
DOES HE ALWAYS ACT STRANGE LIKE THAT? Tell me.
HE LOOKS OUTSIDE AND STARES AT THE SKY.
I-I DON'T THINK SO...
I'LL BECOME STRONGER

.... to be continued.



ALWAYS LOVE THE PERSON...

...YOU'RE DESTINED TO BECOME.

What lesson do you think
is waiting for you tomorrow···?

Angela Crownberry
(Cardinal Magistrate)

Eye Color: **Kunzite**

Specialty: **Seal Magic, Unseal Magic**

Angela is the assistant dean, creator of the guards and General Command. She became a powerful woman (laugh). Her character wasn't completed until I got my nerve up at the end of 10th Bell. However, she turned into the most difficult character to draw in Aventura (cry)...It was funny that my editor asked what brand of mascara she uses.

Rollo Paulell
(Olive Elder)

Eye Color: **Blue Topaz**

Subjects in Charge: **General Defensive Magic, Summoning Magic.**

Though Rollo may appear to be an easygoing person who loves sweets and alcohol, he was the Scarlet two generations ago. He retired after raising his successor, but returned after Angela's confession of needing a friend for tea time (according to Rollo) (laugh). He is the creator of hidden treasure, Twelve Sacred Tools, which includes Professor Qualfer's whip.

My Love
• Shimomo
AS ALWAYS, THANKS
• All Members of Gohanka
LOVE YOU ALWAYS (NOT THAT WAY!)
End note
• Rika Sugiyama
OUR MEETINGS ARE INDISPENSABLE NOW (LAUGH) and You!!

Darwell Turkfan

Birthday: **June 2**

Eye Color: **London Blue Topaz**

Protective Element: **Wind**

Darwell is the spoiled only son of the Turkfan family of swordsmen. Ever since his father persuaded him to study swordsmanship despite his knowledge of wizardry, he began to see Lewin as a rival for success. Though I disliked him at first, I've grown to like him as I gave some thought to his background (laugh). But his forehead in my drawing seems to be getting (snip)...

CureNoir Tresor
(One of three ancient gods, Ice Witch)

Eye Color: **Golden Amber**

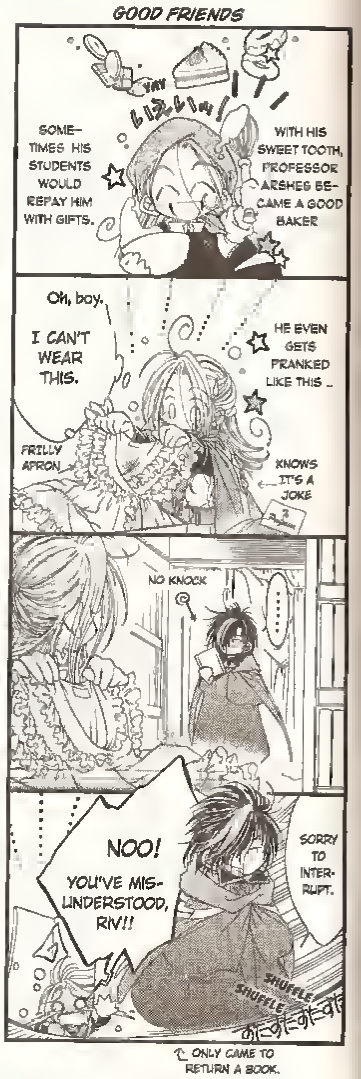
Protective Element: **Water**

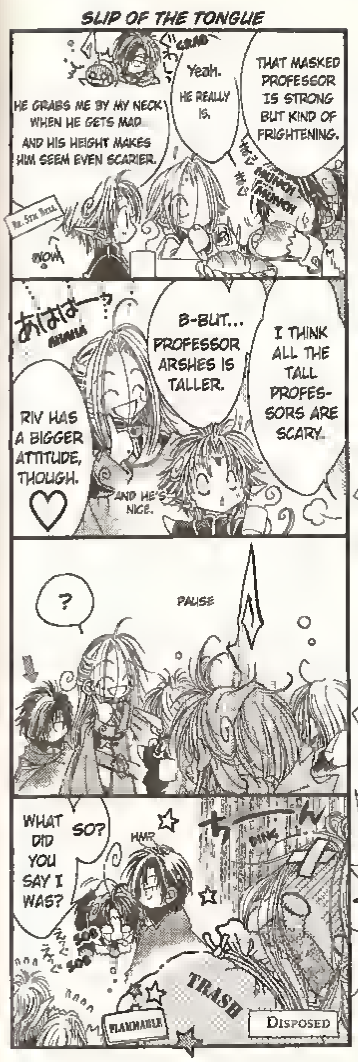
CureNoir is one of the three ancient gods who support the sky and the earth. She's Professor MilleoRouge's real older sister and also a witch who granted Professor Qualfer the power of water magic. Though the black winged cat is the only feline breed that exists in this world, she is white because the late Scarlet cursed her out of love. She's based on the Maine Coon Cat.

Special Thanks! With Love!

Assistants
You
Yukinoji

WE DID THE ENTIRE SCREEN TONE IN THIS BOOK TOGETHER! SORRY FOR ALL THE DIRTY WORK. THANKS!


GOOD FRIENDS
SOME-TIMES HIS STUDENTS WOULD REPAY HIM WITH GIFTS.
WITH HIS SWEET TOOTH, PROFESSOR ARSHES BE-CAME A GOOD BAKER
Oh, boy.
I CAN'T WEAR THIS.
FRILLY APRON
HE EVEN GETS PRANKED LIKE THIS ..
KNOWS IT'S A JOKE
NO KNOCK
NOO! YOU'VE MIS-UNDERSTOOD, RIV!!
SORRY TO INTER-RUPT.
SHUFFLE SHUFFLE
ONLY CAME TO RETURN A BOOK.


SLIP OF THE TONGUE
HE GRABS ME BY MY NECK WHEN HE GETS MAD... AND HIS HEIGHT MAKES HIM SEEM EVEN SCARIER.
Yeah. HE REALLY IS.
THAT MASKED PROFESSOR IS STRONG BUT KIND OF FRIGHTENING.
Re. Sun Boss
B-BUT... PROFESSOR ARSHES IS TALLER.
I THINK ALL THE TALL PROFES-SORS ARE SCARY.
RIV HAS A BIGGER ATTITUDE, THOUGH.
AND HE'S NICE.
?
PAUSE
WHAT DID YOU SAY I WAS?
SO?
HMP
DING
TRASH
FLAMMABLE
DISPOSED

Bonus tracks!! Aventura

SHIN MIDORIKAWA